#### CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

A LITTLE HELP

There's help in seeming cheerful When a body's feeling blue, In looking calm and pleasant If there's nothing else to do If other folks are wearing, And things are all awry,

Don't vex yourself with caring 'Twill be better by and by. There's help in keeping tally Of our host of happy days, There's never one that dawneth, But it bringeth cause to praise

The Love that ever watcheth The Friend that's ever near. So, though one tryst with sorrow, One needs must dwell with cheer,

When troubles march to meet you, Salute them at the door, Extend both hands to greet them, Their worst will soon be o'er,

Beat down their stormy bugles With your own rejoicing drums, And, nailed in loftly courage, Accept whatever comes.

#### STENOGRAPHY PAYS

MARGARET E. SANGSTER

Stenography is a stepping stone to success—if the stenographer makes it so. The chance to be something better rests with him. Unless he be human, and possesses the desire to rise, he will remain as much of a machine as the typewriter he oper-

Few people in any line of work ever get anywhere unless ambitious. A stenographer is no exception to the rule. But stenography offers more opportunities to advance than m iny other lines, because the stenographer is in a position to become intimately associated with the business of his employer,

If he is a good stenographer he can be good in more important things. If he keeps his eyes and ears open, picking up here and there a detail toat will relieve the boss of some of his many worries, the bos will not be long in seeing it. And if s continues to help thus, showing that he has an alert mind as well as a nimble finger, it won't be long before the boss will be helping him

The best illustration of the fact that stenographers can pound their way to bigger positions if they hit the right keys is the long list of stenographers who have done so. Catholic Columbia

#### A TRUE GENTLEMAN

We never grow tired of stories about Washington, especially when they are as good as this one. After the battle of Monmouth, the Ameri can army was encamped on the farm of a certain John Vance. Washington, with his staff, was quartered in the farm house. A daughter of the farmer was seriously ill in an upper room. As soon as Washington heard this he gave orders that no guns should be fired or drums beat near the house. During supper he set the example of caution to his officers by conversing in an undertone, retiring as soon as the meal was finished to his own chamber, which adjoined the dining room

After he had gone, however, the spirits of the young men rose, and, forgetting their orders, they began to sing and laugh uproariously. In the midst of the fun the general's door opened softly and Washington entered took a book from the mantel shelf and as silently returned without a word, nodding a smiling goodnight as he closed the door behind

The officers stood ashamed and rebuked not only by his consideration for the sick girl, but by his gentle courtesy of silence toward them-St. Paul Bulletin.

WANTED, LEGIBLE SIGNATURES

terheads of many a legal firm and is conspicuously printed on contracts and other important documents. In as a heading on each page of the register or printed on a card. It hangs in plain view of the counter.

telephoning and telegraphing we've simply got to be sure that every guest's name is correctly entered on our books or there's bound to be

Of course a successful hotel clerk must have a gift for deciphering bad signatures just as he must have a good memory for names and faces, but when a man we've never seen before comes in and scrawls a long wavy line on the register without a single letter plain enough to even guess at how are we going to call him by name the next minute? He may have important mail waiting for him or he may be telephoned for any minute, so our request for a legible signature arises

out of a necessity. "It's usually men of prominence who dislike being asked for a plain signature. One man who comes here often evidently gives a good deal of trouble to new corsespondents because of his bad signature. It's no uncommon thing for letters to come here intended for him, but each envelope instead of a typewritten address is pasted the man's owa signature, evidently cut from his letter. Below is the hotel address as usual. He always treats these letters as a huge joke and seems to

pride himself on writing his name so that no one could guess what it

was."

A member of a law firm on whose letterheads is printed "A legible signature is requested," says that these few words have saved his firm much trouble. Papers no longer have to be returned for resigning, as was formerly the case, because the first signature could not be read. Before this request for a legible signature this request for a legible signature was made important legal documents often had to be entirely rewritten because one of the parties refused to accept the signatures of some of the others on account of their illegibil-

A large employer of labor has made it a rule recently to have all applications for work brought to him. He orders each letter folded so that the signature alone shall show. He goes over these, picks out the signatures that appeal to him and gives these applications pre-cedence over the others.

If a man doesn't know enough to sign his name so I can read it, I don't want him to work for me," he save .- Catholic Columbian

## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

SHORT SKUTCH OF LIVES OF SAINTS OF THE WEEK

OCTOBER 22 .- ST. MELLO, BISHOP .-ST. HILARION, ABBOT

St. Mello is said to have been a native of Great Britain; his zeal for the faith engaged him in the sacred ministry, and God having blessed his labors with wonderful success, he was consecrated first bishop of Rouen in Normandy, which see he is said to have held forty years. He

the fourth century.
St. Hilarion was born of heathen parents, near Gaza, and was converted while studying grammar in Alexandria. Shortly after he visited St. Antony, and, still only in his fit-teenth year, he became a solitary in the Arabian desert. A multitude of monks attracted by his sanctity, peopled the desert where he lived. In consequence of this, he fled from one country to another, seeking to escape the praise of men; but everywhere his miracles of mercy betrayed his presence. Even his last retreat at Cyprus was broken by a paralytic, who was cured by St. Hilarion, and then spread the fame of the Saint. He died with the words, "Go forth, my soul; why dost thou doubt? Nigh seventy years has thou served God, and dost thou fear death?"

About the year 361, Julian, uncle to the emperor of that name, and like his nephew an apostate, was made Count of the East. He closed the Christian churches at Antioch, and when St. Theodoret assembled the Christians in private, he was summoned before the tribunal of the Count and most inhumanly tortured. His arms and feet were fastened by ropes to pulleys, and stretched until his body appeared nearly eight feet long, and the blood streamed from his sides. 'O most wretched man," he said to his judge, "you know well that at the day of judgment the crucified God Whom you blaspheme will send you and the tyrant whom you serve to hell."
Julian trembled at this awful prophecy, but he had the Saint despatched quickly by the sword, and in a little while the judge himself was arraigned before the judgment-seat

OCTOBER 24 .- ST. MAGLOIRE, BISHOP

towards the end of the fifth century. When he and his cousin St. Sampson and the came of an age to choose their scientific evolution did not take "Kindly favour us with a legible way in life, Sampson retired place until Abbe Hauy took up the signature," is an appeal now often into a monastery, and Mag-encountered. It appears on the let-loire returned home, where he lived deserves a place of honor among the in the practice of virtue. Amon, Sampson's father, having been cured by prayer of a dangerous disease. notels this request is sometimes used left the world, and with his entire family consecrated himself to God. Magloire was so affected at this that, gs in plain view of the counter. with his father, mother, and two room clerk in one of the big brothers, he resolved to fly the world, hotels declares that the task of deci-phering signatures has reached a poor and the Church. Magloire and crisis.

"It has got to the point where we couldn't bluff on names any looger," he said. In these days of constant when said. In these days of constant when said. When Sampson was consecrated themselves to couldn't bluff on names any looger," which he presided. When Sampson was consecrated themselves to couldn't bluff on names any looger," which he presided. When Sampson was consecrated themselves to couldn't bluff on names any looger," when sampson was consecrated themselves to couldn't bluff on names any looger, which he presided. in his apostolical labors in Armorica, or Brittany, and at his death he sucsome time after into the isle of Jer

> died about the year 575. OCTOBER 26. - ST. EVARISTUS, POPE

AND MARTYR St. Evaristus succeeded St. Anafirst divided Rome into several titles or parishes, assigning a priest to each; he also appointed seven deacons to attend the bishop. He conferred holy orders thrice in the month of December, when the cerement month of December, when the cerement and to state that "in reading that their faces, like the face of the Florentine poet returning from hell," by some ascribed to him, because he Germany became presminent.

OCTOBER 27 .- ST. FRUMENTIUS.

BISHOP St. Frumentius was yet a child when his uncle, Meropius of Tyre, took him and his brother Edesius on a voyage to Ethiopia. In the course of their voyage the vessel touched at a certain port, and the barbarians of that country put the crew and all the passengers to the sword, except the two children. They were carried to the king, at Axuma, who, charmed with the wit and sprightliness of the two boys, took special care of their education; and, not long after made Edesius his cup bearer, and Frumentias, who was the elder, his treas-urer and secretary of state: on his death-bed he thanked them for their services, and in recompense gave them their liberty. After his death the queen begged them to remain at court, and assist her in the government of the state until the young king came of age. Edesius went back to Tyre, but St. Athanasius ordained Frumentius Bishop of the Ethiopians, and vested with this sacred character he gained great num-bers to the Faith, and continued to feed and detend bis flock till it pleased the Supreme Pastor to recompense his fidelity and labors.

#### A CONVERT SCIENTIST AND HIS WORK

James J. Walsh, M. D., Ph. D., in the October Catholic World

The development of the history of science in recent years shows us how many men there were in the olden time "who," to use Professor Saints bury's words descriptive of the old scholastic philosophers, "whatever they could not do, could think." One said to have held forty years. He of the old time scientists who has died in peace about the beginning of been brought into prominence by the modern historical movement is Nicolas Stensen, the Dane.
The most brilliant scientific thinker

of his time, he was one of those wonderful men who are able to take the step across the boundaries of the known into the domain of the unknown, and to trace a pathway there for other men to follow. Only a genius is ever such a pioneer. An immense new field of knowledge opened up to him in the science of geology of which he was the founder, yet he never permitted speculation to lure him from the solid ground of actual observation and absolutely necessary conclusions from such observation. Whenever he touched a subject he illuminated it. His work on the heart illustrates this very well. When he first dared to announce that this organ, to which all the world had been referring their well and the world had been referring their well and the world had been referring their well as the world had been referring the world h their emotions and their feelings and their profounder knowledge, was just a muscle pump and nothing more, a storm of indignation broke over him. But he stood unmoved in the midst of it and calmly went on with his

In every department of science the same calm force of intellect was noteworthy. While laying the foundation of geology in his "Prodromus" he discovered two most important principles of crystallography: the striking peculiarity of light refraction that distinguishes the crystal from amorphous substances such as glass, and that fundamental law of crystal-lography, the constancy of interfacial angles. The experimental verifica-tion of this law was delayed for nearly a century and a half until the invention of the reflecting goniometer in 1805, yet clearly Stensen not only grasped the principle of the law but he succeeded in obtaining, with the crude instruments at his command, an experimental verification of it. He even solved the mys. Father Duffy is but t St. Magloire was born in Brittany bowards the end of the fifth century.

When he and his cousin St. Sampson

The the so-called "phantom crys. type of the Catholic chaplain at tals," and blazed the way for the development of the new science. Its our country never be forgotten!—

> crystallographers. This intellectual genius, clear thoroughly conservative, broadly educated, of charming character, found it impossible to stay out of the Church, once he came to know her as she really was, as the result of his years of life in Italy.

As a matter of fact, Steno had his father attached themselves to could obtain there better opportuni- first months of the War came to us gone down into Italy because he ties for the study of anatomy than bishop, Magleire accompanied him the great father of anatomy, wanted in his apostolical labors in Armorica, or Brittany, and at his death he suction which he had been able to ceeded him in the Abbey of Dole and in the episcopal character. After three years he resigned his bishopric, went to Italy. There, not only did went to Italy. There, not only did being seventy years old. and retired physicians and surgeons have perinto a desert on the continent, and mission to dissect, but practically physicians and surgeons have perevery artist of the Renaissance dis sected. Some of them made many sey, where he founded and governed sected. Some of them made many a monastery of sixty monks. He hundreds of special anatomical studies. Leonardo da Vinci's sketches of these have been recently recovered and published. Stensen went to Italy because of the scientific opportunicletus in the see of Rome, in the reign of Trajan, governed the Church nine years and died in 112. The iestitution of cardinal priests is graduate scientific studies, and later, for the results of the second to the contract of the second to the contract of the second to the contract of the second to the second to the second the ties to be enjoyed there greater than

mony was most usually performed, for holy orders were always conferred in seasons appointed for fasting and prayer. St. Evaristus was buried near St. Peter's tomb on the Varience and to state that 'in reading that their faces, like the face of the Florentine poet returning from hell, the triple things through indicate the seventeenth century which they had passed. The suffer when scientific observation was hard. ly thought of."

tion was hardly thought of" when Italy had already developed the sciences of anatomy and physiology months—heavy artillery, gas, liquid fires, aeroplane attacks—left their was when Regiomontanus had been invited there to correct the calendar. and Copernicus had made there the announcement of his great theory in the knowledge of the heavens, the Jesuit astronomers Scheiner and Cysatus had made their wonderful observations on the sun and on comets, and Father Scsatus actually discovering a curvature in the orbit the fourth year of the War, of comets, and Father Riccioli having to the front! Never will t

## FATHER DUFFY OF THE OLD "SIXTY-NINTH

in use even today, while his colleague and brother Jesuit, Father Grimaldi, drew up one of the first maps of the moon worthy of the

constant and severe combardment with shells and aerial bombs, he continued to circulate in and about the two aid stations and hospitals, creating an atmosphere of cheerfulness and confidence by his courageous and inspiring example. That is the testimony given by General Pershing to Father Francis P. Duffy for his devotion to the wounded and dying in Villers Fere from July 28 to July 31. It was likewise the reason for conferring on him the Distinguished Service Cross.

Breathe lightly, the breath of the angels Yet it gives but the cold outlines of the fact. "Every one, living and the fact. dead, has done gloriously," wrote a soldier boy on July 20, from France; "no one really stands out, except perhaps Father Duffy—one can't help but love him, and he's just as good a friend to us non-Catholics as he is to his own flock " (Evening Mail, September 5). How the news of the honor conferred upon Father Duffy was received in the home city of the old "Sixty ninth of New York," now the 165th Regiment, can best be judged from the following editorial tribute paid by the New York

Herald "Father Duffy, we may state, is as popular with Episcopulians, Presby-terians, Baptists, Methodists, Heb-rews, etc., as he is with the members of his own Church. He is, in fact, a shining example of the new orthodoxy, which is based on a belief in national and international decency believe that those who are not with us in this War are against us and that is all that can be said.

" One of the recent German propa gandist lies, was to the effect that Father Duffy was dead. As if it could help the cause of the Kaiser and his gang to convince New Yorkers that the Teutons had managed to put out of business a man who, while he was spoiling to be in the fighting, was able to attend to the cure of souls or handle the end of a stretcher, under fire, with all the nonchalance of a cleric taking his afternoon walk down Fifth

avenue! Well, instead of being buried under the poppies that bloom in Flanders fields Father Duffy is very much alive. He will have the right to wear the War Cross on his cassock. And we all hope that when the boys come home we shall be able to show what we think of a chaplain of whom a private of another faith said: 'Selieve me, he is some man,

Father Duffy is but the spleadid America.

### FRENCH. WOUNDED IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE

Abbe Fslix Klein, in the October Catholic World The descriptions which are to follow belong to history already ancient; to the end of 1917 and the beginning of 1918. So rapid is march of events with us now!

overflowing with enthusiasm, eager to express himself. His mind sition to full of picturesque and varied impressions and be asked for nothing better than to tell about them. Willingly he described the emotions and spirit of the moment of departure tact with the enemy, the dizzy joy of initial successes. He confessed the amazement and pain of the first checks and the headlong retreat which followed them. He spoke of the famous Joffre's "ordre du jou when, in the battle of the Marne, the men were told to take the offensive. They stopped the enemy. They pursued him. They experienced the intoxication of a victory their battle was a decisive event in

"Scientific observa- a decision of arms that did not come,

mark upon our soldiers.
These qualities, summed up in one expression: "To the end!" so pro-foundly different from those which and then returned to Germany to hitherto have passed as charact work it out and to dedicate his great istic of our race, were the ones m hitherto have passed as character-

work it due and to describe an great book to the Pope! Scientific obser noticeable in our combatant of the vation hardly thought of, indeed, fourth year of the War. Youthful when Galileo had made giant strides enthusiasm was no more; each man numbered the dangers run, each man took clear account of those to come Return to the front! . . This is the almost invariable ending of the history of our wounded soldier of

or comets, and Father Riccioli having to the front! Never will the herointroduced the lunar nomenclature ism required for the acceptance of
league and brother leavity from OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ANGELS

> Tread lightly, the month of the angels Is going the way of the years Speak softly, the voice of the angels Is flooding this valley of tears, And the sweet, holy runes of October We hearken, and bless their glad

> And the day wears into the shadow, And God's holy rest draweth on

We hear them at midnight, the voices Rhythmic and runic, and grand, Like the voices o'er Bethlehem's hill

Proclaiming the glory at hand. angels

Seems brooding on river and lea : Sward The birds even, move silently.

This is the mouth of the angels Sweet, from the months that pre Frayed with her beauty of colors,

Earth yielding ever her mead; This, the ripe month of the harvests, field, tree, and earth too respond. Glad with their fullness of giving, Vintage and furrow, and frond

They seek no portion, no comfort; Theirs but the peace and the prayer, As grand hallelujahs are floating Out on the palpitant air, Joining the poor souls' devotion Taking their place and their stead October, the month of the angels, Also the month of the dead.

October, sweet month of the angels Is going the way of the years, Scotbing as softly she's faring Pain, and life's harsbness and tears Ransowing those in the valley; Lifting to love and to light: Souls that were thralled may go forward

Up to bright mansions tonight. -DR. JAMES HENDERS

CARDINAL NEWMAN'S PRAYER FOR A HAPPY DEATH

"O my Lord and my Savior, sup port me at the hour of my death in the strong arms of Thy Sacraments, and by the fresh fregrance of Thy consolations. Let the absolving words be said over me, and the holy oil sign and seal me, and Thy own Body be my food, and Thy Blood be mysprinkling: and let my sweet Mother Mary breathe on me, and my Angel whisper peace on me, and my glorious Saints smile upon me; that in them all and through all, I may receive the gift of perseverance, and die, as I desire to perseverance, in The Church, in live, in Thy faith, in Thy Church, in Thy service, and in Thy love." Amen.

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