

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

LET US SMILE

The thing that goes farthest toward making life worth while, that costs the least and does the most, is just a pleasant smile.

A smile comes very easy—you can wrinkle up with cheer. A hundred times before you can squeeze out a soggy tear.

THE GIFT OF SYMPATHY

A man who had arisen to great heights in his chosen profession was asked to state the influence which had been especially strong for good in the formation of his career.

After a few moments' reflection, he replied soberly: "I think that I can say with perfect truth that it was a certain teacher under whom I studied during my high school days.

When it came my turn to recite I did not even know the paragraph in the text book where I was supposed to begin.

It was the last time, the writer tells us, that he failed to be able to recite his German lesson.

It is perhaps true that there are too few people who understand one another in life. All of us can recall some period of our early training when for the first time we met with perfect sympathy and understanding.

The classroom is not a machine shop. It is not a department store where goods are grouped together uniformly and where each article is expected to give absolute satisfaction.

One child is dreamy, another extremely active and energetic. It is for the educator to analyze with care and patience both characters.

"I had a teacher once," a well-known writer said, "who had more influence over me than anyone I know of after my mother.

Most of us know some person like that teacher. Singled out from the rest of men and things, he stands alone, like a beautiful statue on its pedestal.

close inspection,—the statue is still quite flawless. The dust of the world has never settled upon it, for it still preserves its pristine whiteness.

Fortunate indeed is the man, says Henry Bordeaux, who has fixed high ideals, and has never suffered them to topple down.

The great man of whom we spoke above reflected the thought of many when he said: "The sweet usefulness of my teacher completely overpowered me.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE ROSARY-BY-THE SEA

"Ave Maria!" Above the roar of the blooming surf on the sandy shore.

Touching the beads of my Rosary chain,— "Ave Maria!" again and again.

Opal and sapphire, ruby and gold; The billows are crested with splendor untold.

Is telling Our Lady I love her true, "Ave Maria!" 'Tis twilight now, With faint stars seeming a crown for her brow;

Queen of the Rosary, Star of the Sea! —MERCEDES

HONOR THY FATHER

Boys, when you speak of your father don't call him "the old man." Of course, you are older now than when you were taught to call him father.

Whether you be a man or woman, you will never do anything in the world without courage.

It is much easier to destroy than to build; it is much easier to roll down hill than it is to climb up; it is much easier to be a failure than it is to become a success.

ONE GIRL'S IDEALS We never rise any higher than our ideals. This is an axiom beyond dispute. We are all under the control of our ideals.

fashionable kind. There was something "going on" all of the time. Said this girl: "You know I wish that I could be where it is like this all of the time—motoring and bathing in the surf and tennis and everything nice to eat!

"I do not," was the decided reply of the other girl. "You don't?" with a note of surprise in the other girl's voice.

"Because I don't want to lapse into a jelly fish kind of an existence. If we spent our lives doing the things we are doing now and nothing else we would not count for any more than the jelly fish we see every day floating around in the water on the beach.

"I suppose you are right about it, Dora. I remember that I have heard my mother speak often of a cousin of hers who has plenty of money and who leads this kind of a life all of the time and who is one of the unhappiest of women.

In spite of the fact that there are, unhappily, many girls of such low ideals that it is to be hoped that they will never be realized, this is also true in our land of high achievement because of high ideals.

Despise teasing and laughter, she remains true to her ideals. She is not a bookworm, but she studies, she is not prudish but she is high-minded and pure, she has fun but it is wholesome and clean and kind.

More laughter. With all the pressure of public and social duties, the exacting requirements of the schools, and the long hours in the shop, taken together with the care of invalids and the aged, with the troubles caused by wrongdoing and the hardships brought upon us by our own selfishness, we do not get all the laughter that belongs to us.

Perfection does not consist in such outward things as shedding tears and the like, but in true and solid virtues.

Answers for last week: No. 1: St. Andrew's cross. Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6: stars, sun, moon, cloud and waves all mentioned in Gospel of previous Sunday. St. Nicholas (Dec. 6th).

One of the principal feasts of Our Lady came this week. Re-arrange these letters to form its name: ME? I'M COPIN AT CONSULATE!

The Gospels of last Sunday and the next two Sundays tell about our Lord's 2nd cousin. These letters re-arranged form his name. 'TIS AN 'TAIN PEST H. H. JOB.

Answers next week.

The Gift That Promotes Love of Home

At no other season of the year is a piano more acceptable than at Christmas-time. All through the year, too, it makes home more pleasant and attractive to the young people.

SHERLOCK-MANNING 20th Century Piano



Sherlock-Manning Piano Co. LONDON, ONTARIO

Taylor-Forbes advertisement featuring a hot water and low pressure steam heating system. Includes text: 'HOT WATER AND LOW PRESSURE STEAM HEATING SYSTEMS' and 'TAYLOR-FORBES COMPANY, LIMITED—GUELPH, CANADA'.

Taylor-Forbes District Agents: W. B. PENNOCK, Murray Building, 70 Pitt St. West, Windsor, Ont. T. M. HAYES, 991 Wellington St., London, Ont.

Great-West Life advertisement: 'An Assured Income. There are few investments so secure and profitable as money employed in maintaining a Great-West Life Policy. Further, there is the insurance protection that is provided by no other investment.'

Weber Pianos and Player Pianos advertisement. Features an image of a piano and text: 'Established 1862', 'The Weber Piano Company, Limited KINGSTON, ONT.'.

Samaria Remedy Co. advertisement: 'Wonderful Egyptian Remedy "Samaris" Prescription for drunkenness, which science has proved is a disease and not a habit and must be treated as such.'

Vancouver Express advertisement: 'UNEXCELLED SERVICE from TORONTO EVERY DAY UNION STATION'. Includes '10:10 P.M.' and 'SUBURRY PORT ARTHUR FORT WILLIAM WINNIPEG REGINA CALGARY VANCOUVER VICTORIA'.

Canadian Pacific advertisement: 'See Canada's Wonderland'. Text: 'Every winter, travellers from all parts of North America as well as the United States, visit Vancouver Island with its warm climate, beautiful motor drives, splendid facilities for hunting, boating, fishing and all summer sports.'

Going up? -or down? advertisement. Features a diagram showing income levels for different ages: AGE 20 \$1000, AGE 30 \$1400, AGE 40 \$1500, AGE 50 \$1000, AGE 60 \$3000, AGE 70 \$4500, AGE 80 \$6000.

International Correspondence Schools advertisement: 'HERE is your future charted for you, based on the actual average earnings of trained and untrained men. At least find out what the I. C. S. can do for you.'