

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

CHEERFULNESS
Men are often described as "chuckling" to themselves. The operation is a healthy and holy one and should be transplanted from fiction to real life.

LISTEN TO SERMONS

Sermons are good for the best of us—the right sort of discourses, listened to with the right sort of dispositions.

CONDENSED WISDOM

Get into a business you like; devote yourself to it. Be honest in everything. Employ caution; think out a thing well before you enter upon it.

QUESTIONS

If life is full of trials, why can't we render our own verdicts? If love is blind, what can some people see in each other? Why can't a thirst for knowledge be as easily quenched as some other thirsts?

ANOTHER NEW RELIGION

Another new religion is about to be launched in Boston by an Englishman. It is to be called the "Church of the Republic," and its basis is that "America herself is a standard-bearer of the Ideal is the true Church of every American."

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD

An aged Sister sat at her office-table, a big book of accounts before her, and she was casting a sad look at her totals; the expenditure was a bigger item than the income: how was she to meet the deficit?

MOTHER

Backward, turn backward, O, Time in thy flight: Make me a child again, just for to-night.

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things, that they will not see the harm that they themselves have noticed, that they are too innocent to be defiled by what they themselves cannot read without a blush. Too much confidence in children in the matter of their reading or any other matter is fatal.

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It did not come from the organ. It was cannon on all sides of us. We ran to the doors, and the last thing I saw was our soldier-priest giving us a hasty blessing, and then running to the sacristy to put off his sacerdotal vestments and become a soldier once more.

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our daily bread." The natural father loves to have his children express their wants because He knows they will then, better appreciate His granting their wishes. It is even so with our Heavenly Father. He knows our wants, but also knows we will better value His graces if we have petitioned for them.

When we petition God it may demand a miracle, but what of it? If necessary, God will perform the miracle; it will not be hard for Him to do so. This preacher imagines it is an attempt to change the inexorable laws of nature or the immutable designs of God.

Prayer of petition is our greatest comfort, and our surest hope. It would be a cold and dreary old existence, life would scarcely be worth while, if we did not know that we can go to our Heavenly Father with all our troubles and feel quite sure that He will hear and heed.

SCHOOLS FOR SLANG

Dr. E. J. Macewan, Professor of English in Kalamazoo College, is disturbed over the abuse of the English language by students under his supervision. He says: "The language used by the average college student of to-day cannot be understood by a thoroughly English speaking person."

"Some of the local college professors have advertised a course in slang to be given during the freshman year. Personally, I think this about the only remedy which would at all decrease the amount of slang used by college students. At present a course in English is given for freshmen and there is no real English spoken after the freshman year.

"It would seem that persons far enough advanced to attend college should have learned enough concerning the English language to speak it intelligently, without back-sliding into the lazy language of slang. I will personally see to it that there is no slang used in any of my classes."

Catholic parents who patronize non-Catholic halls of learning, will receive a cruel jolt once they read the above indictment of their pet institutions. For, in all non-Catholic colleges are slang-experts to be found; young boys and girls, in most instances the offspring of wealthy parents, whose conversation would bring tears to the eyes of a half-educated F. J.

Go to any of the fashionable summer resorts; attend any public function, where wealth predominates, and the general conversation of those present may be classed as senseless and slangy. Boys and girls who attend Public and High schools are noted for their slang, and we rejoice to learn of one teacher being brave and bold enough to denounce this foolish custom.—Michigan Catholic.

TWO PETITIONS IN FRANCE

Mgr. Sevin, the Archbishop of Lyons, has caused to be printed and distributed to the priests throughout his great diocese two petitions for which he asks the signatures of all the people. The first is a demand to the President for national prayer and declares among other things: "The families of those fighting, united in faith and patriotism, respectfully insist that the head of the State and the ministers ask the protection of God on the arms of France by demanding from the Church in the name of the State national prayers for the success of our arms and for France."

"The families of those fighting, in presence of the want of nurses already felt and growing more acute, respectfully but energetically insist that the exiled religious should be recalled to attend the wounded in ambulances, and that the Sisters who have been driven from the hospitals should be asked to return." The priests deprived of their assistants and their young lay helpers who are all fighting, are being greatly aided in their work by the members of the Catholic Women's League and especially the Patriotic League of Frenchwomen.—Church Progress.

LUX advertisement featuring an image of a woman washing clothes and text: "LUX Won't Shrink Woollens. What is it? LUX is something new and good. The finest essence of soap in flakes. It makes the richest, creamiest lather you ever saw. It means 'luxury' in washing because it's such a clothes saver. Absolutely prevents woollens, flannels and all loosely woven garments from hardening and shrinking in the wash. Try LUX and be delighted with it. All grocers, 10c. 12. Made in Canada by Lever Brothers Limited, Toronto."