

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

WHEN CAN A MAN DO HIS BEST?

The twentieth century has been proclaimed as the age of the young man. Certainly it has become an era of opportunity for him.

What is true of the headship of 6,000,000 people is true also in most of the other spheres of human activity.

On the whole, the clear-eyed youngster of thirty-odd has borne his responsibilities well.

But now comes Professor Bishop, of Fordham, with a message of hope for the older men—for those of forty or more years.

He marks out a new curve on the efficiency chart. The zenith of effectiveness is not at forty, but beyond.

How wonderfully beautiful life would become if all our service were willing service.

The very struggle we are making against the inevitable daily round of both necessary and unnecessary tasks weakens us.

The secret of much of our depression, our struggle with fate, as we sometimes call it, lies more often in our physical than in our spiritual condition at the first.

A few weeks after his last adventure he was roaming about in the Central Park waiting for a comrade of his, when he heard voices.

"What is in this house exactly?" asked the tallest of the boys.

"Southwest corner of Lincoln and Fourth street, a small dark brown bungalow. He's alone there just now, you know, because all his people are down at the beach for the week-end.

"Suppose he's shut and bolted it?" suggested the first speaker.

"That's no odds! There's no window I couldn't break into," answered another boastfully.

darkened, nor the stars hidden by night. And then, if never before, will we come to know the joy of "serving" Him with gladness.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

"MEDDLESOME MATT" By H. E. Delamare

A little boy with a very sulky face was bemoaning, perhaps for the hundred thousandth time in his short life, the fact that his mother should have had a special devotion to St. Matthew and named him after that great apostle.

He wasn't meddlesome, he wasn't uncharitable, Matthew kept saying to himself, he only just wanted to help people or to prevent their doing wrong.

And hanging the door behind him, the little boy wandered out for a stroll, anxious to get away from his unappreciative family.

"Poor little thing. What a shame it is that they won't attend to you," cried Matthew, pityingly.

"Don't let him out! Don't let him out!" He's just been washed and will get all dirty!"

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different directions, while Mat, in his turn, hid behind the densest bushes, his heart beating wildly with excitement.

Now it so happened that of late Matthew had made friends with a stout, good-natured, but rather stolid and dense policeman, who had confided to him that he and his pals had vainly been trying to catch a gang of boy burglars who had been breaking into many stores and residences of late.

"Four lads, of fifteen or sixteen!" that just answered to the description of these boys Mat had overheard, and with wild excitement, he hurried home and watched eagerly for the arrival of his friendly policeman, who always passed that way about 4 o'clock.

"Splendid!" he exclaimed, "we've got them this time sure enough, and you're a real sharp youngster to have managed to hear all this without their knowing it.

It's 4 o'clock now, so I have plenty of time to warn the Chief, and he'll see to their being caught all right," he added, looking at his watch.

So Matthew hurried indoors, his heart beating with exultation. Now, at last, he was going to be vindicated; now all his tormentors would see that he was not simply meddlesome and suspicious, but that his sharp eyes and ears and cleverness at detecting things were of some good after all.

It was getting dusk, but not dark enough not to distinguish what people were doing, when one by one the four boys assembled at the back of the house, each carrying strange looking parcels which they deposited against the wall, while the one who had boasted that he could break it in to any window, cleverly unbolled it by slipping his knife between the sash and pushed it open noiselessly.

"But we're doing no harm! We're only going to give a chum of ours a surprise party for his birthday!"

"Party, indeed, we know all about that," sneered one of the detectives.

"The new rule is a curious proof how completely the old religious legislation is forgotten," says the Tablet.

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For a year or two the boy did not even come home for the holidays, and when he did so, he was so changed and had grown into such a tall, manly, noble-hearted fellow that his parents' hearts were full of thankfulness, and they were in no way astonished when he soon afterwards asked permission to go to the seminary and study for the priesthood.

Father Matthew Upton became a zealous pastor and distinguished preacher, specially noted for his untiring charity and love of his fellow men.

"To Catholics it is strange to see how often a complete turn of the wheel brings the children of those people who so violently objected to their fathers reformed away.

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MR. LAMPSON. If you—who are reading this—have any Kidney or Bladder Trouble, or suffer with Rheumatism or Pain In The Back or Stomach Trouble—give "Fruit-a-tives" a fair trial.

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