### CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

WAITING

I could say nice things about him; could praise him if I would; could tell about his kindness, For he's always doing good. I could boost him as he journeys O'er the road of life today; But I let him pass in silence And I've not a word to say; For I am one of those now waiting-Ere a word of praise is said, Or a word of comfort uttered— Till the friend we love lies dead. I could speak of yonder brother As a man it's good to know; And perhaps he'd like to hear it, As he journeys here below, I could tell the world about him And his virtues all recall— But at present he is living,

And it wouldn't do at all;

So I'm waiting, yes, I'm waiting, Till the spark of life is fled;

Ere I raise my voice to praise him

I must know that he is dead. I appreciate the kindness That he's often shown to me, And it will not be forgotten When I speak his eulogy; I should like to stand in public And proclaim him "friend of mine," But that isn't customary, So I give the world no sign Of my love for yonder brother, Who has often helped me here; I am waiting, ere I praise him, Till I stand before his bier. EDGAR A. POST

# A WORD ON REVERENCE

It is good to see our Catholic men and boys raise their hats when passing a church. It is sad to note that there are Catholics who omit this act of reverence. They do not wish to attract attention. They do not wish to be laughed at. The laughter of people who laugh at such an act is like the "He Haw" of a donkey, only not so sensible. of a donkey, only not so sensible. And speaking of reverence, we sometimes long to see again the old-fashioned boy who had "man-ners" who said: "Yes sir" instead of "yep." Of course there are many such children today, but there should be more. It is not a good thing when children fail to show some mark of respect to what they should revere.—Catholic Transcript.

GREAT I AM I once was clerking in a shop disused to think the store would sure be on the blink if happily I resigned. I thought if I should jump the store the patrons would go there no more, but follow where I went. They'd ask the boss, "Where is the lad whose charms of manner made lad whose charms of manner made us glad. Where is that joyous gent?" One day when I was dreaming thus, the boss came up, the calmy cuss, and said, "Young man, you're fired; too long this useful job you've held; the way your fat young head is swelled would make an image tired." Oh, I was thunderstruck and dazed, was thunderstruck and dazed, and flabbergasted and amazed, but when I got my breath, I said, "I do not care three whoops; that store will straightway loop the loop—my going means its death." And every time I pass along I hoped to see things going wrong; no customers on hand; alas, the custom did not stop but people galloped to that shop and bought to beat the band. Since that adventure came to pass I Since that adventure came to pass I feel l do not cut much grass, or ice or wood or hay, and I am humble as I toil; I strive to make the kettle boil without a grandstand play.— Walt Mason.

### IMPROVING FROM DAY TO DAY

A famous man once asked for the secret of his success. He was modest, as all great men are, and replied: "Of course, I am still far from the goal I am striving for, but what success, I have attained did not come suddenly, but by perseverance, and making each day

Success sometimes seems to come suddenly; but, if we investigate, we usually find that it is a climax rather than the result of one action or effort alone. Days of preparation, of struggle, of seeming tion, of struggle, of seeming failure, but all of growth, and the seizing of every opportunity as it

all we have. Unless we make use of it, put our best into it, we can never attain our goal.

"A day is a little life," some one has said. How many possibilities, how many opportunities, how many lessons, how many blessings, each day holds for us! Have you ever counted them at the end of a day? Do you begin each day by looking forward to the blessings, the opportunities, the lessons that may come? It will put new life into you if you

do.

Be on the lookout for the blessings. If you count them, each one as it comes, you will be surprised when night arrives to find how much you have to be thankful for, how many blessings, unlooked for, come to you in the course of even the most monotonous day.

Watch for the lessons. Not a day passes but we may learn something. It may be from a mistake. It may come in the form of a trial, a disappointment, sometimes a sorrow; but if we seek to obtain the lesson from each, it removes half the sting, and we go on so much stronger and wiser than before.

Maw reached for a duster room. Maw reached for a duster and them.

"Smells a little musty, too," said Dad, taking the duster and clumsily wiping off the dust.

"I used to know a great deal about this book once. After this I intend to read it at regular intervals. Read it out aloud, too. You know it is a regular library in itself and it is most entertaining. Just has all kinds of good matter in it. Exciting things, too."

"Anything about wars and soldiers and such like?" asked Dusty.

"Yes, indeed! And in it there is a section called the Book of Tobias, where there is a great deal of information."

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ings."
Try to manage some good reading each day. Have some good, uplifting book on your desk or your work-table, or in your bedroom, and work-table, or in your bedroom, and read, if only a paragraph or a page, so as to get a new good thought, over which you can ponder while your hands may be busy over mechanical tasks. Make it a habit to read some good, improving, uplighting thought every day of your life, to ponder over it, and to act upon it. This is one of the greatest means of growth.

neans of growth.

Make up your mind each day that better than you have ever done it before, that you are going to put more interest into it, that you are going to do it "heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men." You will find new interest, new beauty, in Lord and not unto men." You will find new interest, new beauty, in your work. You will enjoy doing it, and you will do it better and better and find it a stepping-stone to your goal .- The Echo.

### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

OUT OF THE BOY

Save your money, some sage has

It is good to see our Catholic men As the years go by to a fund will

showers; Here is a dried and shriveled thing That into beauty and life will

spring— Save it, for under its husk there lies A lovely blossom which you shall So the seed you carefully store

pensing lemonade and pop, and doodads of the kind, and as I worked I But seldom we think it is written reading, too. down

That a boy is the seed of a man's renown; That he who is given a boy to train, Has better than blossoms or gold to

gain.
That dollars to fortunes will quickly grow, And seeds to flowers, are the truths

we know, But I wonder if ever we pause to The man that anyone's boy may be?

Is dealing with one who is living of their birth. I have seen girls do And may be the man whom the

world shall need.
For who can measure the pride and That may some day grow from a

little boy? -EDGAR A. GUEST DAD AND THE BIBLE

"Who was Samson, Dad?"

This is the question Dusty asked his dad just as the evening meal had almost come to an end.

"An American admiral, son."

"I don't mean him. This man was a strong man or something. I

heard a boy in the higher class at school today saying something about him."

It has been said: "You can mation about wise direction of chilaren, which I feel I must read up right away. You need some of that advice, son. The same book has call him in the morning, or you advice, son. The same book has may give him a beautiful start many things about travel, strange

"Good advice to parents, too, said Maw. "I like that Book of

said Maw. "I like that Book of Tobias."

"Yes, wars, too," said Dad, not meaning the domestic kind, of course, as Maw first thought

"Take the Book of the Macabees—say there are what you may call generals."

Dad went on re-turning over the leaves of the books and as he did so he became more interested and made slight exclamations to himself as what he saw recalled what he had read there a long time ago. At last he exclaimed:
"I tell you the Bible is not the

wars and warriors? They are there. There, too, you will find information regarding great kings and statesmen and noble women. In fact, everything that will help to enliven an evening and make it profitable may be had in this wonderful work. It contains good prose and beautiful poetry. It recounts the weakness of human nature and hetrays the virtues of mankind. It

said,
For money will pay for your meat and bread,
And money—well, that is a thing, you know,
As the years go by to a fund will grow,
And the fund will swell to a larger size,
Breeding the fortune which mortals prize.
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And so from the cradle on to the grave'
Money's a thing which we try to save.
Guard the seed of your finest flowers,
For they will grow under April showers;
For they will grow under April showers;
Hereit and hood comfortable inspiration, profitable and beneficial results.
"Let me tell you," continued to listen, wondering at his burst of speech, "let me tell you that the thrill of Judith's story is as fascinating as most things the movies furnish; the story of Ruth is as poetic as one could wish for; the life of Esther in Babylon is as romantic as anything furnished by a popular novel. Then there is the relation of the success of the young lowentures of the youthful Daniel in an inimical country; the friendship of David and Jonathan, the triumphs of David and the splendor of the court of his son, Solomon.

When Act the call you," continued to Michael J. Curley, of Baltimore, who made a call for more sturdy Catholicity last night before the Holly Name societies of Washington.

"I do not believe in the Policy advocated by some to 'let sleeping dogs le', " said the Archbishop. "If you let men walk on you and they're right. If we always lie low and they're right to make the sign of the cross, I am

all right."
"Of course they were, but then

up Dusty. "He broke—"
"Never mind, son.
"After this we will use this book Who touches a boy, by the Master's plan,
Is shaping the course of the future

a little oftener. I am afraid we, like many more, have been using it chiefly for recording births, deaths

Christianity as a solution for world man;
Father or mother or teacher or priest,
Friend or stranger or saint or beast,
Is defined or stranger or saint

And Dad sighed as he took up his paper while Maw busied herself with the supper things.—New World. just that.

# A LITTLE AHEAD OF THE LAW

BUT THE JUDGE WAS GOING IN THE SAME DIRECTION

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, D. C., January 20.— Revelations that Judge Robinson Moncure of the Corporation Court of Alexandria, Va., twelve miles from Washington, has granted more than 1,000 divorces since May, "Oh, yes. He was—let me see.
"Safunny thing the tricks my memory is beginning to play on me. Samson? Well, now, can you beat that?"

"Milet than 1,000 divorces allowed way, in 1920, have given rise to a movement to oust him from the bench. Divorces allowed by Judge Moncure in 1921—577 in all—were in the ratio of 47.72 for each 1,000 of the

that?"

Ma hastily came to her husband's assistance and briefly informed their son that Samson was a strong man who killed a lion, fought bravely in his country's wars and pulled down a huge building.

"Did he work for the movies, too, Maw?"

"Only be work for the movies, too, Maw?"

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"Only be work for the movies, too, May?"

"Only be work for the movies, too, May? comes, generally precede it.

The only way, then, to prepare for success is to make each day count.

One day, one hour, one minute, is Biblical character and lived many Biblical character and Bib

years ago."

"Ah, here you are," said Dad.
"It is all coming back to me now.
Guess I will have to read up a little on the Bible for a review. How easily you forget things. Been reading these cheap magazines so much that they have crowded out the useful information. I'll just go for that holy book now."

Presently he returned with a copy of the Bible that had been resting under some other books in another room. Maw reached for a duster and handed it to him.

of dereliction in the enforcement of the State laws governing divorce.

A Washington newspaper which has been investigating conditions in Alexandria, publishes a statement that the records of the Alexandria court shows one woman has sworn in affidavits filed with the Corporation Court since May, 1920, that 300 people have occupied rooms at her house. These affidavits were submitted in support of claims that men and women seeking divorce in the Corporation Court were legal residents of Virginia and Alexandria,

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practitioners in the Corporation Court. Under the laws of Virginia a year's residence in the State prior to the filing of a petition for divorce is required for the petitioner.

the weakness of human nature and betrays the virtues of mankind. It has excellent advice for parents and prudent counsel for children. When properly read it gives to all beautiful and noble thoughts, happy and comfortable inspiration, profitable and beneficial results.

"Let me tell you," continued Dad, as his audience continued to Dad, as his audience continued to the continued to Dad, as his audience continue

triumphs of David and the splendor of the court of his son, Solomon.

"In the New Testament there is contained the greatest love story ever written—the story of the Master who died for us all. In the Acts of the Apostles we have among many other things the narration of the work of the apostles, the first missionaries. St. Paul's adventures by land and sea are good reading, too."

fight will respect you, and when you don't fight they will not. It is time for Catholic laymen to stand together or even though twenty thousand strong, they will be swept off the map. We have had experience in this country with the power of well-organized minorities." The Archbishop said he would mention no names in his reference to those attacking the Church, adding: "You know who they are as well as You know who they are as well as

reading, too."

"I am glad to hear you say a good word for the women anyway," interrupted Maw. "It is not every day you give them credit for anything worth while. Judith and Ruth and Esther were noble women all right."

Tou know the doo."

The prelate reviewed the history of the Holy Name Society, paid tribute to the memory of Pope Benedict XV. and urged support of the Catholic press. He also emphasized the need of higher education for children whose parents cannot contain the contained to the "Of course they were, but then you have heard of Jezebel and Delilah, haven't you?"

"I've heard of Ruth, Dad," spoke up Dusty. "He broke—"

"Ike broke—"

"I have finished four years of high

Representative W. Bourke Cock-ran of New York advocated a return to the old principles of

together and that is by the love of Almighty God. Show by example that you lead a Catholic life and let the Holy Name Society spread. Become the advance guard of a civilization higher than any of us





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