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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN
FRIENDLY TALKS TO YOUNG MEN

Of late you have noticed that your respectable friends do not care to remain long in your company. When they see you coming they cross over to the other side of the street; or, if you hold them up where they cannot escape their conversation is very brief. You attempt familiarity, but they all seem to be distant and even frosty. You pretend not to understand why they act so, but you suspect that they know you are getting a savory reputation. They don't see you at Mass on Sunday or at the altar rail once a month.

There was a time when you were faithful to your duty; but now since you hanker for the name of being a "young man about town," and are an aspirant for recognition by the "smart set," you ought to see that you are rendering yourself unfit for the company of clean-minded people.

Your dear mother, for some time, lovingly and continually has tried to get you to accompany her to Confession, and to comfort her as well as to edify your friends, by going with her to Holy Communion. You know better than any result, and you know better than any else, the real obstacle that prevented you—simply this, you have gone wrong. You don't intend to give up your evil ways and your bad associates.

The old influences for good are yet strong in you and you have to battle against your better self, so you try to excuse your conscience by various excuses. You should remember that other people know that "no rogue ever felt the halter draw with good opinion of the law." While you might reject this as a theory you do not hesitate to put it into practice.

Therefore, you begin to try to cast out of your mind the same sound and logical principles of faith, morality and obedience which you learned so well.

So the law condemns you. Abolish it. You have heard some other sensualist say that he does not intend to let any man tell him what to do or what to avoid. You think such independence is worthy of a man. The devil of pride and conceit has such a hold on you that you begin to question vigorously whether the law has any right to impose obligations upon you without your previous assent.

Hold on. You have forgotten a few things. My dear youth, God and His infinitely wise laws existed a long time before you did, and He did not have to await either your arrival or your approval. He managed the world for thousands of years before you were born, and if you should die to-night, it is quite probable that He could struggle along without your aid.

It will not do to say that you do not know that His ways are beneficent, just and applicable to you. You may be purposely and criminally ignorant of much that would be very valuable to you to know. In fact your neglected conscience told you when you were a child, and still tells you, that you are in this world to know, to love and to serve God, and if you are stalling your conscience by willful ignorance of what you ought to know, please don't allege it as a mark of superior ability and as an excuse for a bad and irreligious life.

Sensible people would only pity your attempt to deceive yourself and them. They would tell you that even the civil law does not admit venial ignorance of its statutes as sufficient excuse for exemption from penalty incurred by violation of the law. Your bluff is too simple, and, if allowed, would make all laws useless.

In fact it would work against you, should other men make that plea after treating you with injustice or violence, hoping to escape punishment by the use of such transparent subterfuge.

Just remember that you used to say in your Act of Faith, that "God cannot deceive you and cannot be deceived by you." This always was true, and always will be true, no matter how much your pride and sensuality may rebel against it.

Don't try to explain your excuses by which you attempt to justify your sinful life. I mean just what I say. Your excuses are worthless. You know it in your own conscience. Don't try to bolster them up by allusions to the example of other men who are or have been notorious for their evil life. Don't quote from the writings of infidels, who, like yourself, first violated the commandments of an all-wise God and then looked about for some kind of a plea to banish Him and His laws from His own world.

Neither you nor they can do it. Your excuses are thin and illogical. Your attempts to explain them will involve you in still greater confusion of mind and in grosser sins. You know that others are bound to observe the law, and that you are no more exempt than they. What is sin for them is sin for you. Make up your mind now, that a little worm like you, who may be anywhere from forty-eight to seventy-eight inches long, is not big enough, strong enough or wise enough, to fool God, and that He is more powerful for you, and it is about time that you had the sense to realize it.

Don't throw away your health, your morals, your manhood in order to keep pace with a set of gilded youth, who glory in the service of Bacchus and of Venus, whose life is in contempt before God and man, and whose only possible end is destruction. Their minds run in no higher moral planes than that of the frog, the toad and of barnyard poultry. Remember, that "what things a man shall sow, that shall he also reap." The bad trees of indecency, dishonesty and irreligion cannot produce good fruit. Not even all your ability can make this possible.

Now, pay attention. The Scripture tells you that "This is the will of God, your sanctification." This is intended for you. It means that you must lead the life of a saint. Perhaps you will be much amused to think that any one could expect to make a saint out of such material as you are. But it is God's purpose, nevertheless, whether you believe it or not, even if the prospect of its accomplishment does seem so improbable. He has given you every means, every facility, every chance. Nothing is lacking except your appreciation of the fact and your proper use of the means necessary.

It is absurd to say that your sanctification is impossible. God is wise and just. He never demands the impossible; He says, "My yoke is sweet and my burden is light." He also says, "He that believeth shall not be condemned." We must remember that the gentleman who speaks thus is absolutely just, and that it is impossible for Him to condemn any one who does not richly deserve it.

So, then, those who will not believe His words and will not regulate their lives in accordance with His purpose, His laws, His Church and His Sacraments deserve punishment for their willful and voluntary rejection of His infinitely wise and loving moral guidance and protection.

You know from actual experience that you are weak; that you cannot make successful battle against all your wicked thoughts, and the wicked example, the snares and traps set for you by abler minds than yours. You know that Christ said, "Without Me, you can do nothing," and—"If I speak the truth to you, why do you not believe Me?"

That's it. Why not? What is the obstacle? What is the reason that you will not apply to yourself what you know is sound doctrine when applied to others? Why are you anxious and with "itching ears" listening to false teachers that you know are wrong, eagerly searching for some excuse to justify your evil deeds?

You notice that I said "excuse." I did not say a "reason"; there is a vast difference between the two. It is simply impossible to find a reason to justify any sane Catholic for a willful violation of God's moral law. The why do you seek it hither and thither, spending vastly more time, energy and brain lag in attempting to evade your obligations than you would give in search of the right. Well may we say, "O judgment, thou art, led to brutish beasts, and men have lost their reason."

Now frankly, what profit have you gained from all your evil thoughts and your wicked actions? Think it over. What do you expect from all the days, and the day after, until death comes to call you away, whether you are ready or not? Is every new day given to you by Almighty God solely for the purpose of heaping up new offenses, new sins, new crimes, more neglect and more contempt?

Now, boy, enough has been suggested to show that your dear mother is right. Do as she says: Go to Confession. Be a man. Be what you know you ought to be, and what, through the grace of God, you know you can be.—Pilot.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS
THE HONEST ERRAND BOY
That boy thinks that "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," for he has found a goldpiece that the gentleman dropped, and he runs eagerly to give it back. At first he says it is not his, but the boy says: "Yes, indeed, it is; I saw it drop from your hand when you paid a cabman."

Why that many streets back!" said the gentleman.
"Yes, he knows; he ran all the way, as hard as he could; he has had a job to catch him."
"Are you a very rich boy, that you can afford to give up a gold-piece when you find one?" said the gentleman.
"Rich, sir? I have \$1 a week as an errand boy. But the money was yours, sir, not mine. I like to earn my money, not to steal it."

The gentleman smiled; but only said, putting the gold piece in his pocket, "Well, thank you, my lad; a good day. Say I where do you live?"
The boy told him, and then they went their different ways.
A month or two afterwards, when the boy had forgotten the circumstances, he found a gentleman seated in the room with his mother when he came home from work. He recognized him at once. The gentleman had come, he said, to offer him a situation; it was one of great trust, and he offered it to him because he had proved himself worthy of trust. That boy's "good name" had stood him in good stead.—Sunday Companion.

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"What has been done can be done again," said the boy with no chance who became prime minister, England's great prime minister. "I am no slave, I am not a captive, and by energy I can overcome greater obstacles."
Jewish blood flowed in his veins, and everything seemed against him, and he remembered the example of Joseph, four thousand years before, and that of Daniel, who was prime minister to the greatest despot of the world five centuries before the birth of Christ.

He pushed his way up through the lower classes, up through the middle classes, up through the upper classes, until he stood a master, self-poised, upon the topmost round of political and social power. Rebuffed, scorned, ridiculed, hissed down in the house of commons, he simply said, "The time will come when you will hear me." The time did come, and the boy with no chance but a determined will, avayed the scepter of England for a quarter of a century.

Henry Clay, the "mill-boy of the slalshes," was one of the seven children of a widow too poor to send him to any but a common country school, where he was drilled in "three R's." But he was a determined man, and he was without a teacher, and in after years he was a king among self-made men. The boy who learned to speak in a barn, with only a cow and a horse for an audience, became one of the greatest American orators and statesmen.

George Stephenson was one of eight children whose parents were so poor that all lived in a single room. George had to watch cows for a neighbor, but he managed to get time to make engines of clay, with hemlock sticks for pipes. At seventeen he had charge of an engine, with his father as fireman. He could neither read nor write, but the engine was his teacher, and he was a faithful student. While the other hands were playing games or loafing in liquor shops during the holidays, George was taking his machine to pieces, cleaning it, studying it, and making improvements in a minute. When he had become famous as a great inventor of improvements in engines, those who had loafed and played called him lucky.

THE PUNCTUAL GIRL
The punctual girl is always a thoughtful girl. She is the girl who does not delay in doing an errand; who never keeps the breakfast waiting while she repairs some forgotten damage to her clothes. No one is ever kept waiting while she sews a rip in her dress or a break in her glove. These things are all done in season. She never puts off doing a thing at the right time, because she has learned that when a thing has been attended to, and put away, there is no need to worry about that particular thing.

She is the girl who is at her desk on time if she is one of the great army of working girls. Her employer and friends all know that she will be ready for business or pleasure at the appointed time.
The girl's nerves are in good order because she never has to hurry or worry to catch up some work that has been neglected at the proper time, and her life runs on smoothly and happily because no undone task or neglected appointment is worrying her, or making her restless. Character is not formed in a minute. The girl has been training herself for years to be punctual. She is ever ready for emergencies, for this habit of punctuality now touches her life in all its relations, and she is making her influence felt in her own family, at least for they must come to see the wonderful advantage of being always ready, always on time.
The punctual girl, while she is earnest and womanly, has not lost her girlish charm. Her outlook is encouraging, new chances are constantly opening to her advancement because it is known that she can be relied upon.

Catholics and Candidates
Says the Catholic Columbian: "Mr. Taft is a Unitarian and does not believe that Christ was God. Mr. Roosevelt is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, which is a work of Lutheran denomination. Mr. Wilson is a Presbyterian, which is one of the most important of all the sects. Catholics will vote for these men for President of the United States, each one deciding for himself which one of the three he conscientiously thinks stands on the soundest platform. But if a Catholic like the Constitution which forbids a religious test for public office. Catholics will not consider the religion of these candidates, but will consider only their fitness for office and the principles they represent."
White or Governor Burke had been nominated, the Guardians of Bigotry would have uttered shrieks of "patriotism" against his election and would, so far as their influence extended, have made religion the leading issue of the campaign." And so it is too in Canada

CONSOlation
READ THE WORDS OF ONE WHO SUFFERED
Perhaps you have felt at times the effect of merely human kindness and have been relieved by slight attentions which were indications, like spurs in the changing tides or straws in the shifting winds, of deeper and intenser movements. You forgot thus for a time your suffering. You will appreciate, then, the way St. Paul felt for his brethren, and from the picture he draws of his heart in sorrow and from its undoubted power to relieve, you will know what power a more tender, a more sorrowing Heart can have. Think then of these passages of the zealous apostle. Recall his concern for the Jews whom he longed with a martyr's longing to bring to Christ. "I speak the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost that I have great sadness, and continual sorrow in my heart. For I wished myself to be anathema from Christ for my brethren, who are my kinsmen according to the flesh."
You who suffer so much, will be surely touched at the devotion of one whose heart aches like yours and with an unselfish sorrow. Recall, too, how St. Paul wrote a letter of reproof once to the Corinthians and then wrote again to console them after his severe reproof. No doubt, you have had at rare intervals the letters of some friends who could make you forget your troubled heart for a long time. Then you will know that St. Paul had his heartaches, as many another has and knew how to console others, too. "I determined this with myself," he wrote, "not to come to you again in sorrow, but with joy, if I might find you. For if I make you sorrowful by me? And I wrote this same to you that I may not, when I come have sorrow upon sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears, not that you should be made sorrowful but that you might know the charity I have more abundantly towards you."

Some of these words may not be fully understood without study, but one reading will afford you a glimpse deep down into the heart of St. Paul, and will give you a view of another aching heart. That knowledge and that sight will help you and prepare you for the heart of infinite sympathy and infinite sorrow.—Rev. F. P. Donnelly, S. J.

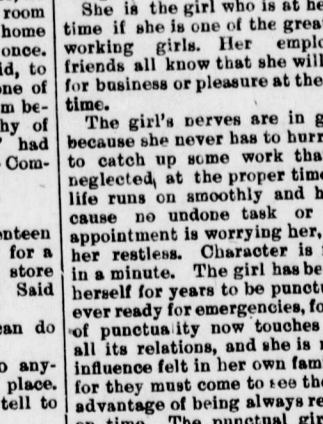
THE TRUE FAITH
R. C. Gleaner tells this pointed little story in his department of the Catholic Columbian:
Two boys, a non-Catholic, the other a Catholic, were asked by a person of inquisitive mind why it was wrong to lie and steal. The non-Catholic lad answered that it wouldn't be right because his parents and teachers told him not to do so. The Catholic lad gave a ready answer to the effect that to lie and steal was a sin against God's commandments.

And that reminds you of an incident that took place some time ago in a certain State Normal school. In one of the lower departments the teacher appeared to take special delight in annoying a small Catholic boy who had the misfortune to be in her class. One day when there were visitors present, the lady pedagogue asked Charles: "What is the difference between the Catholic and non-Catholic religion?"
A question, by the way, which should have earned for her instant dismissal. Of course, her idea was to embarrass the boy. It took the little fellow some time to answer, but at last he arose and very modestly said: "The Catholic religion was founded by Jesus Christ. The non-Catholic religion was founded by men who thought they could improve on the work of Our Lord." There was no comment when he sat down and the class was shortly thereafter dismissed. Verily "out of the

mouths of babes" are some teachers and others taught lessons which they do not soon forget.—Catholic Sun.

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