

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

FORGET IT

If you are a tall fellow ahead of a crowd. A leader of men, marching fearless and proud. And you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud would cause his proud head to (in anguish) be bowed, It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

BEREFT

Along the roads of Picardy the shady poplars stand, Their twinkling leaves on rainy eves in green and silver glance. The little winds from far away blow west across the land, And in the wheat on fairy feet the scarlet poppies dance.

The rose is red in Picardy, in beauty bright it blows, And many a maiden's secret shy its blushing petals keep; But redder than the poppy flower, more crimson than the rose, The stain that deepens in the grass where lies my love asleep.

Proud, proud was I that summer day a happy bride and I, When with a last long lingering look he turned him from our door. Now lonely at the door I stand, my tears drop down like rain, And long I watch the dusty road his feet shall tread no more.

Oh, bitter, price that women pay at freedom's holy shrine, When forth on glory's perilous path they bid their men away! They give up love and hope and all that maketh life divine And nurse an agonizing grief from dreary day to day.

Blow, little winds of Picardy! blow sweetly o'er his bed! And sing your tender requiem when evening falleth dim! And gently cover with your leaves, O rose and poppy red, My bruised and broken heart that lies within the grave with him!

NOBODY CAN HELP LIKING The boy who never makes fun of old age, no matter how decrepit or unfortunate or evil it may be. God's hands rest lovingly on the aged head.

THE BOY WHO NEVER CHEATS OR IS UNFAIR IN HIS PLAY. Cheating is contemptible anywhere and at any age. His play should strengthen, not weaken his character.

THE BOY WHO NEVER LIES. Even white lies leave black spots on the character. The boy who never makes fun of a companion because of a misfortune he could not help.

THE BOY WHO NEVER HESITATES TO SAY NO WHEN ASKED TO DO A WRONG THING. The boy who never quarrels. When your tongue gets unruly, lock it in.

THE BOY WHO NEVER CURSES OR CALLS BY NAMES, NO MATTER WHAT ANYBODY CALLS HIM. He cannot throw mud and keep his own hands clean.

THE BOY WHO NEVER FORGETS THAT GOD MADE HIM TO BE A JOYOUS, LOVING, LOVABLE, HELPFUL THING.—Newboys' Journal.

THE BOY'S MANNER There are very few men who do not know that it is proper to raise the hat when encountering a lady. This is an accepted courtesy that a boy learns very early in life.

THE QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE must worry a lot of men to see the way they hesitate about it when out with a girl. If they would just keep in mind that the basic fact that a man only precedes a woman when there is something he must attend to, to seek out seats in theatre or church, to protect her from a crowd, etc., he would not need to worry over it.

WHETHER WE FIND PLEASURE IN OUR WORK or whether we find it a bore depends entirely upon our mental attitude toward it, not upon the task itself.—St. Paul Bulletin.

SOME YOUNG MEN FAIL—WHY? Here are ten typical cases: 1. Always postponed his task. 2. Grumbled, complaining others did not do their share, and blaming his mistakes on them.

OUR GIRLS AGAIN How girls should behave is so patent that we wonder one of them ever makes the least of mistakes. But they do, right along, little mistakes, big mistakes and then some more. Not very long ago

we noticed two girls mincing along with the new veils properly adjusted, some rouge, much powder and eyebrow and eyelash darkened. Along the street from the opposite direction came another girl, skit a little tighter, rouge deeper, face enamelled and eyebrows truly impossibly blackened. The two girls gazed curiously, coldly at the figure before them and one with virtuous scorn said: "O-o-oh, isn't she fierce?" and the other responded with instant candor: "You've said it, kid!"

Now, my soul revolted against the three of them! It is impossible that any girl, whatever her education, or lack of it, should fancy for a moment that she looked wholesome and pretty in a skirt that holds her limbs in a two-inch spread and her walk to a succession of bird hops; that to have her eyebrows blackened and her cheeks rouged convinces any onlooker that it is the bloom of nature, youth and health or that her eyebrows are her own, would be an insult to nature.

There are other girls, a step higher in education, surroundings and advantages, who even with less reason, wickedly camouflage their natural possessions and falsely advertise themselves to a word that smiles behind a deprecating hand. And these girls, they pick up men and marry them without one thought of propriety or religion or future happiness. We have heard people wonder why some quiet unobtrusive girl married and married well, going thrifty on to prosperity and the rearing of correct families. It is because the girl is real, because she would not live falsely or marry falsely. She thought first and every undertaking was wholesomely looked into.—Catholic Sun.

REMEMBER THE DEAD A year ago today human souls were being hurled into eternity at a terrifically rapid rate. Before the month of November—the month of the Holy Souls—had left run its course a cessation of carnage halted the flow into heaven, hell and purgatory. The more fortunate beings came before their God dressed in the nuptial garment of the Lamb and were forthwith ushered into the bliss that knows no end. The infernal regions also claimed their need of war and death: the toll rose swiftly, and the heroes of hell no doubt embraced a far greater number than had been seen for many a long period.

Between happiness and misery the middle state gathered in its legions. Purgatory beheld a vast multitude of shrunken souls enter its portals. The children of God came from the world of sin, still keeping the faith, but bearing the mark that condemned them to further purification. It is in these hapless beings that the Church speaks to us in this time of thoughtful remembrance.

The Titanic conflict that has but recently closed sent myriads to their permanent doom. At the same time countless human beings that yesterday walked with us, worked and played here below, are now drawing out a painful existence in the cleansing elements of spiritual purgation. They are in prison. They long for the kindly ministrations of some welfare agency here below. On earth loving, hearty and ready hands were ever prompt to succor their smallest need; now they appeal, alas, but too often in vain, for the relief that is so easily proffered if men would but heed their cry.

The Catholic Church makes a direct appeal this month to every one of her children on earth to come to the rescue of those who languish in their purgatorial prison. She offers the means to alleviate the sufferings of those who have gone before: prayer, penance, Mass, indulgences, Holy Communion. Every Christian owes a debt of gratitude to some soul now agonizing in the Great Beyond: a debt of love and, not rarely, of justice remains to be paid by us towards those our brethren. Let every Catholic soul remember that with what measure we mete out to others shall it be measured unto us.—Catholic Bulletin.

A CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE Bishop Kettler, the great leader of Christian democracy, says that the development of a really Christian conscience in each man would go far to solve the social question. This is the basic principle underlying the recent pronouncement of the National Catholic War Council, in its pamphlet: "The Fundamentals of Citizenship," which is clear exposition of the Catholic attitude toward the fundamental questions involved in the present turbulence and unrest in this country, so elsewhere.

The following expert is suggestive: "The success of a democracy depends on knowledge and moral character. If all the people are not acquainted with their civic and social responsibilities, they cannot act intelligently on the common affairs. The citizen who does not possess some knowledge of the working of our democratic institutions may easily become the prey of the demagogue.

"The Catholic Church has always taught the fundamentals of citizenship, and it has emphasized the social rights and responsibilities of citizens.

"There are three motives which influence people in the fulfillment of their civic duties: Self-interest, fear of punishment, and conscience or religion. In all teaching of civics

it should be kept in mind that religion supplies the highest and the noblest motives for the discharge of civic obligations."—The Missionary.

PROTESTANTS PRAISE CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHING

At a recent meeting of the New York Association of Congregational Churches in Brooklyn there was an earnest discussion of the need to-day of religious education. Most of the speakers, according to newspaper reports, emphasized the need of such teaching, and some of them pointed out that the Protestant churches were far behind the Catholic Church in this matter says the Catholic News.

"The Catholics maintain and pay for 114 elementary schools and four high schools in Brooklyn, that their children may receive adequate religious instruction," remarks the Brooklyn Eagle, commenting editorially on the discussion by the Congregationalists. "Long controversies have been waged in the past over church schools, but there is at least this to be said for them, that none of the young socialists and incipient revolutionists who are now seen as a danger ever received their training in such schools. The root of this revolutionary teaching is agnosticism or a thinly veiled atheism. Faith in God and reverence for God make for the respect and observance of moral and social law and the need for religious training is seen clearly as a time when men and women go about seeking to overturn the foundations of the moral and social order."

The Catholic contention always has been that religious and secular training ought to go hand in hand. The moment religion is divorced from education the danger that irreligious materialism eventually is to triumph begins. Secular education in itself is, of course, a valuable asset for any individual. But it is one is not going to make a man or woman

respect the laws of God or man. Witness the case of the youth who was the star graduate of a great American university, but who is now an advocate of mob rule and of a general overturning of the social order.

In years gone by it was the fashion to rail at the Catholic Church and charge that her schools in this country were a danger to the nation. No one says that now. On the contrary, educators and publicists all admit that the Catholic schools are safe guards of the nation. In peace and war their pupils and graduates have ever displayed the highest type of Americanism. And now the finest tribute of all is paid to them when a paper of the standing of the Brooklyn Eagle says that "none of the young socialists and incipient revolutionists who are now seen as a danger received their training in such schools." The Catholic school is the nation's strongest bulwark.

A FARMER'S "ROAD TO ROME" A farmer convert to the Church described his "road to Rome," as follows: "I had in my orchard some very good trees; there was one tree that was particularly good; it bore the most tempting, luscious apples, and I noticed that at the foot of that tree every autumn there was an accumulation of sticks and stones, showing that the boys knew what was best. Looking around me I noticed that the Church that got the most sticks and stones thrown at it was the Catholic Church and I began to say that it must be the best Church."

Come, and never fear. Put your hands in His, follow His blessed feet, He will be your Guide. Though sometimes you see Him not, He is there. His blessed hands lead you. His blessed feet guide you. It is His face that looks upon you, even though you see it not and He will lead you safely home.

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