

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE SWEETEST LIVES
The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds both great and small
Are close-knit strands of an un-

THE GREAT ADVENTURE
Every day of life constitutes a new adventure on the road to success or failure.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS
THE "GOLDEN HOUR"
There are joys in the "Golden Hour"
That banish the clouds of care

THE CRUCIFIX
A recent article on Pere d'Alzon brings to mind the magnificent letter he once wrote, in which he so touchingly described the Crucifix as our "everyday friend."

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
December the 8th, the Church celebrates the greatest of all our Blessed Mother's Feasts—the Immaculate Conception.

THE SWEETEST LIVES (continued)
The world may sound no trumpet, ring no bells;
The book of life the shining record tells.

THE SWEETEST LIVES (continued)
Thou shalt be served thyself in every sense
Of service which to me thou renderest.

THE SWEETEST LIVES (continued)
Experience is the best teacher, says the old adage.
But every man knows that experience is also a hard teacher,

THE SWEETEST LIVES (continued)
No one knows better than this young man the reason for his deficiency.
It may be sloth, or lack of initiative, or something else.

THE SWEETEST LIVES (continued)
A heart that goeth two ways shall not have success.
"Be not anxious for goods unjustly gotten, for they shall not profit thee in the day of calamity, and revenge."

THE SWEETEST LIVES (continued)
Every successful man has had to overcome seemingly insuperable obstacles to his progress.
One secret of his prosperity can be said to be that he is indifferent to nothing.

THE SWEETEST LIVES (continued)
Indifference in one's work is always the forerunner of catastrophe.
The man who stands still, content with the knowledge which is actually necessary for him in order to work out his individual problems, is a sure failure.

THE SWEETEST LIVES (continued)
It has been recently said that the entire East Side of New York is moving into the business sections about Wall street.
Keen-minded men, looking with amazement at the transmigration, have quickly realized the source of this attainment.

THE SWEETEST LIVES (continued)
The Immaculate Conception refers to Mary's own birth, not to the birth of her Divine Son.
He was God as well as man, and therefore not a creature subject to original sin.

THE SWEETEST LIVES (continued)
This is the only creature born free from original sin, and this unique privilege is called her Immaculate Conception.
We are all born with the stain of original sin, which is subsequently removed by baptism.

that the man who reads will be a successful man.
And this does not mean merely reading the newspapers.
In the category they place the reading of works of biography, history, research, travel, etc.

Men complain that they cannot compete with others because they are unable to afford the modern luxuries which they imagine to be the watchwords of success.
And yet a celebrated writer of France says: "As a rule the great men of old were poor."

In a cemetery of France, far removed from the elegant mansions of the city, there rests a tombstone, gray and blackened by age and the powers of the elements.
It still retains an inscription which the traveler may read if he will but take the trouble to brush aside the rank weeds and the mosses about it.

He sleeps. Although he found life a strange adventure, he lived it.
He accepted things simply as they came, and looked not to the progress, but to the end of his journey.

On this her greatest Feast day, we rejoice with her in her ineffable privilege, we acclaim her as our Mother, Queen, Patroness, and Advocate, and we pray that the fervent prayer of one of her most devoted clients may be soon realized, "the speedy coming of the golden age of the Church, which is the age of Marv.—The Pilot."

There is peace in the "Golden Hour,"
A happy and soothing peace,
That breathes of the joy eternal
When the battle of life shall cease.

There is light in the "Golden Hour,"
To gladden the darkest day,
When, worn and travel-weary,
We fall on the toilsome way.

There is solace and hope and courage,
And bluffs of sorrow roll;
There's joy from the world eternal,
The earth and the stars above.

God's way in dealing with those whom He intends to admit soonest after this life into the possession of His everlasting glory, is to purify them in this world by the greatest afflictions and trials.—St. Ignatius.

Answers for last week: END of world described in Gospel of previous Sunday (24th after Pentecost) which was END of Church year.
The END of Jerusalem is also mentioned in this Gospel.

This little black-board has been crashed, thus covering with cracks the sun, moon and star-light sea-scene (or water-scape) which I had drawn on it.

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Which day, and what is his real name?
Answers next week.

excluded from Mary's soul. Hence she has become in the words of the poet Wordsworth "our tainted nature's solitary boast," or, in the words of another non-Catholic poet, Shelley:

"Sweet benediction in the Eternal Curse,
Veiled glory of this lampless universe,
The moon beyond the clouds,
The living form among the dead."

Just as she was preserved in the first instant of her conception from original sin, so she was preserved from all the evil tendencies and inclinations which are the consequences of original sin.

To every Catholic, Mary is the fairest and purest creature that God ever made.
Her glorious Feast of the Immaculate Conception recalls this vividly to our minds.
It also teaches us the secret of Mary's Queenship of Heaven and earth, of her inexhaustible power of intercession, and of her universal and irresistible appeal to the hearts of men.

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