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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

The corner-stone of character, that on which the whole edifice is to rest, must be truth. Be truthful in word and deed and act, faithful to your conception of right, and you can no more help building a noble character than the earth can help moving in its orbit. A boy who has the courage to tell the truth under all circumstances, even when it may appear to be to his own disadvantage, will never do a mean, un-manly, or dishonest thing. He will not stoop to do anything questionable, no matter what material gain it may promise.—Success.

On Reading. Now that the long winter evenings are at hand. Catholic young men ought to map out for themselves a course of reading and give to it an hour or two every night. It is wonderful what an amount can

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Wasted Energy.

What are you doing with your energy? Are you using it to produce light, or are you losing it in useless ways? Be bonest with yourself and find out where it is going. You may be very honest in your dealings with others, but very dishonest in your dealings with your self. You may be ignorantly or care lessly squandering your life-power.

The best tonic in the world is the exhilaration which comes from the consciousness of personal power, of being masterful in what we undertake, of being able to grapple vigorously with the great life problems; to seize with the grip of a master precious opportunities when they come; to feel equal to any emergency, however great, and to larger than any demand upon us Wheever possesses this tonic will be sure to transmute into achievement not per cent. merely, but 100 per cent. of his energy.—O. S. Marden in Suc-

Confidence Gives Victory. A graduate of Harvard writes that after years of work at various kinds of business, he is earning \$12 a week as a mechanic. A graduate of Princeton

undertook, and in trying to feel his way along he has never made much headway.

How many such wrecks we see scattered along life's highway—victims of self-distrust and timidity, who did not dare to take risks, and who were al-

ways underestimating their own ability when opportunities for advancement Many men fall to get on because they Many men fall to get on because they lack "nerve." They can work hard and fersistently, but they will not strike out for themselves. They shrink from responsibility. They want some one else to lead. They are good followers, but they can not plan. They can not advance of their own volition. Just as a company of soldiers is often routed in confusion when its captain is shot, so the man who lacks nerve and shot, so the man who lacks nerve and who fears to take risks retreats when

left to himself. Doubting, wavering, vacillating men, uncertain of themselves, are usually weaklings and imitators. They want advice and encouragement. They look for somebody to lean on. Contrast such men with those who have accomplished the great deeds of history. If Napoleon had doubted his ability to quell street riots in Paris, he might never have led

France to victory.

Learn, then, to believe in yourself firmly, vigorously, and strongly. Do not let anybody enjole you out of your self confidence, or weaken your faith in yourself, for in proportion to the strength and vigor af your self-reliance will be your achievement.

A Clean Record as a Success Factor. Many people, when a great opportun-y comes to them, find that their past ity comes to them, find that their pass bad records have already "queered" them. They find themselves stumbling over the bad breaks, the fearful mis-takes in their past careers, so that they either lose the opportunity, or are fear-fully handicapped because of inevitable prejudice against them. They have been smirched, and are denied what they have waited for so long and struggled so hard to obtain.

Some of the greatest successes of young mento day have been achieved largely because they kept their records clean. They would not put themselves in a position where they might be smirched, would never allow themselves to be compromised. Just as soon as an ambitious young man is known to be beyond price, men will not only cease to try to buy him, but they will also begin to believe in him, to have confidence in him. There is nothing else that even scoundrels respect so much as an absolutely clean man, a man beyond price, whether of money or position.—

Ozanam and Ampere

Illustrating the wonderful efficacy of good example, Frederick Ozanam tells the story of how he himself, overtaken by misgivings with regard to faith, and roaming almost aimlessly through the streets of Paris, trying to think out solutions for his doubts and the prob-

like this, and the quiet influence of prayer, Ozanam's doubts vanished, never to return.

For any one who desires to study the beautiful Christian simplicity of a truly great soul there is no better human document than the Journal and Correspondence of American published. human document than the Journal and Correspondence of Ampere, published some years after his death. He himself wrote out the love story of his life; and it is perhaps one of the most charming of narratives, certainly the most delightful autobiographic story of this kind that has ever been told. It is human to the very core, and it shows a condefully symmathetic character, in a

wonderfully sympathetic character in a great man, whose work was destined a new years later to revolutionize physics and to found the practical science of

and to found the practical science of electro dynamics.

When Ampere's death was inpending it was suggested that a chapter of "The Imitation" should be read to him; but he said "No," declaring that he preferred to be left alone for a while, as he knew "The Imitation" by heart and would repeat those chapters in which he found most consolation. in which he found most consolation.

Be Agreeable.

A man must possess the happy faculty of winning the confidence of his fellow beings and making steadfast friends, if if he would be successful in his business or profession. Good friends praise our books at every opportunity, "talk up" our wares, expatiate at length on our last case in court, or on our efficiency in treating some patient; they protect our name when slandered, and rebuke our maligners. Without tact, the gain-ing of friends who will render such services is impossible. The world is full of people who wonder why they are unpopular, ignored, and slighted. People avoid them because they make themselves disagreeable by appearing at the wrong time, or by doing or saying the wrong things.—Success.

The Young Man's Side.

There died recently in Chicago a successful merchant, who in the long course of a busy life never forgot that he had been a boy.
"In the whole world," he often said,

"there is no one else equal to a fine, strong, clean young man—except a fine, strong, clean, young woman."

He not only believed that, but he acted on his belief. So it happened that no business was ever so pressing that he had not time, when he tound a youth of the kind described, to seek employment for him in his own office or with some acquaintance.

"Business is a little slack just now," the acquaintance would sometimes say. ' I'm afraid I cannot find room for another man-one who has no experi-

" Don't tell me you are going to let This opportunity go by," the other would interrupt. "Why, you can't afford to. Room for him? Who asked you to make room for him? Give him writes to the editor that he has not been able to earn a dollar a day except for a brief period. These men have not dared to assume responsibility. The Harvard man says that he was always distrustful of his ability to do what he destrock and in trying to feel his what that means? One of the noblest what that means? One of the noblest what that means? creatures in the world. Not only a man like you and me, but young, with all the world before him. He offers to give you his whole power, te come into your business and use his God-given intelligence in mastering and improving it. You are asked to accept a favor and if you don't some more enterprising rival will. Take him while you can get him; you may not have another

chance Boys who deserve such introductions are not so rare as is semetimes thought. This man hod a faculty for finding them and bringing out by stimulating words the very best in them. And he brought the very best in them. And he brought home to many employers besides himself the fact that a boy seeking work, if he be the right kind of a boy, is offering in his manly ambition something for which the money paid is in no sense a

return. ness will find daily opportunities for its

exercise. to fall into a rut. Blessed be the man with initiative and enthusiasm! He

will attempt new things. Those who have suffered much are lice those who know many languages, they have learned to understand and be understood by all.

Souls are never lost because their beginnings break down, but because they won't make new beginnings.— Father Faber.

Each one of us is bound to make the little circle in which he lives better and happier. Each one of us is bound to see that out of that small circle the greatest good may flow. Each one of us may have fixed in his mind the thought that out of a single house may flow in that out of a single house may flow influences that shall stimulate the whole

common wealth. - Dean Stanley. The secret of a happy life does not lie in the means and opportunities of indulging our weaknesses, but in know-ing how to be content with what is reasonable, that time and strength may remain for the cultivation of our noble

nature. If in the battle with difficult circum stances, we are thrown down, we must pick ourselves up with quick decision, and not waste a moment in complaint or discouragement. We should em-phasize to ourselves the necessity for picking ourselves up immediately, and going directly on, over and over again
both for our own benefit, and the benefit of those whom we have the privilege of helping.-A. P. Call.

Take life earnestly. Take it as an earnest, vital, essential matter. Take it as though you personally were born to the task of performing a noble work in it, as though the world had waited for your coming.

Father Riordan's Estimate of the late Judge Morau's Character.

"Some forty years ago he came solutions for his doubts and the problems that would so insistently present themselves respecting the intellectual four dations of Christianity, finally wandered one day into a church and found Ampere there in an obscure corner, telling his beads. Ozanam himself was moved to do the same, for Ampere-was then looked upon as one of the greatest living scientists in France. Under the magic touch of an example

His premises may be faulty, his deduc-

ons never.
"Then he had powers of analysis and observation which, in the degree in which they existed in him, are rare, among men. To this we must add a memory which was most retentive of ideas, if not of the words in which they were conveyed. These and other quali-ties were well suited for the profession which he had adopted and in which he was destined to win renown.

"But their efficacy was enhanced by close and continuous study. "Judge Moran was a hard student and

his success was due not more to the brilliant intellectual gifts with which nature had endowed him than to the actual knowledge of the law which he acquired by long and persistent effort. He loved his profession, and, loving it, familiarized himself with all that appertained to it. "As a consequence he was learned

in the law.

"He was a well-read man. Books were his delight, and gradually he became familiar with the best literature of our language. Who will say that this general culture of mind had nothing or even only little to do with what made the great lawyer?

"But even all this will not account

for his phenomenal success. To a knowledge of the law and a legal acumen, which will be conceded by all, he united a tremendous energy, which was apparent not only in the preparation of the matter, but also in the management of the case. His mind worked at the highest possible tension, and to each

"Here, perhaps, we have a satisfactory explanation of the renown of the lawyer, but it will not account for the high estimate in which the man was He was the embodiment of a high sense of honor and ennobled his profession.

"With such uprightness and integrity of character he would have won distinction in any walk of life. Spurning all that was small and mean, he earned universal respect and advanced still higher the standard of excellency. A great lawyer, he was a man among men and a high type of American

citizenship.

"He was all that and more. Judge
Moran was a profoundly Christian man.
He carried his religion into his daily
life and at all times was a clean man. His social intercourse was not marked by ribaldry or profanity, but was dis-tinguished by the sincerity of his friendship and enlivened by an inno-cent mirth and humor in which he cent mirth and humor in which he easily excelled."—Chicago New World.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. STORIES ON THE ROSARY

The Scourging at the Pillar. BY LOUISA EMILY DOBREE. A FAILURE.

"Pye me; not they! you catch 'em doin' that. So they turned me out, and I was so miserable and wretched, I

says."
"Yes, yes, I know, but you won't do
it. Oh, my dear, you know it is a very,
very wicked thing to do," said Mrs.
Larvis expossiby. Jervis earnestly.
"So I've heard. I was reared a

Catholic," said Etheldreda, giving a look at the little pictures, the cruciûx took at the little pictures, the cruciax and images, carefully arranged near the bed with its patchwork quilt. "But there! I've never 'ad no chawnces of gettin' on. There's my brother in New York, the only livin' bein' belongin' to me, he says in his lawst letter, you come out my girl, I'll find you a right down good place, as 'elp, quite different from a slavey. 'ayen't to wear no down good place, as 'elp, quite different irom a slavey, 'aven't to wear no caps; but 'ow am I to go, 'e 'aven't the price o' my journey to send me for he's pore, for all they're so rich that wye, and 'es got wife and a couple o' kids."

A will to multiply little acts of kindness will find daily opportunities for its exercise.

It is so easy to follow a routine and the fell live a year. Blessed he the man the fell is a year of this dreadful thing,' said these—of this dreadful thing,' said these—of this dreadful thing,' said these—of this primary interpretation which was

Mrs. Jervis, her imagination, which was always vivid, still presenting that dark river to her mind.

"Yus, 'spose I should."

Mrs. Jervis seeing the girl's cup was empty filled it up again.

"I 'avent a penny in my pocket. I ain't goin' to the 'ouse. I cawn't live, and I'm sick of bein' pore," said the girl, and she sighed deeply.

Mrs. Jervis leant back in her chair a

prey to the most overwhelmingly con-flicting emotions. How short a time ago she had been kneeling in church, ago san had oeed kneeding in cantron, her eyes raised to the Holy One on His altar, shrined there amongst the lights, and how she had prayed to Him and to His blessed Mother that she might do something towards the salvation of the sinners He suffered and died to save! But a few minutes after that prayer had left her heart she had met this

Surely this was an answer-so wonderful, so extraordinary that she was be-wildered almost by the position in which she found herself. Could she but get that girl to go and join her brother in America, she might be saved;

but she could not get it unless—
Mrs. Jervis breathed hard. Yes there was money enough in that old work-box, several golden coins in a little purse kept in a bag in which she used to put silks and buttons. For the sake of safety, and because she was fond of that little bag, made when a girl at the Misses Skeggs' establishment, she had always bad a fancy for keeping her savings in it. Far, far swifter than I savings in it. Far, tar switter than I can write about them came thoughts to Mrs. Jervis's mind which seemed to chill her very heart's blood. If she gave that money to this girl she would never be able to save enough to pay for her funeral: she would have to be buried by the parish. A Lumsley to come to that!

come to that! It was indeed a sacrifice to contem-

talking to the girl, who seemed quite disposed to be communicative, and gave her to understand that it was two years since she had been to her duties and that she felt she ought to go, but had no courage for anything, life seemed so hard and she was so sick of it all, and various remarks of that kind, all of which served to impress her hearer with the idea that she was quite open to being brought back to better things.

As she talked on Mrs. Jervis went through a great deal in her own mind, though her attention was partially given to all the girl was saying. To give her money to join her brother

in America would be a very simple but effectual way of rescuing the girl from this life of very uncertain earnings and very certain danger of losing her soul. Just to give her enough to get a lodging and food for a few days until she got work occurred to her, but the girl said they would not give her a character at her last place so here was a acter at her last place, so here was a

new difficulty.

Mrs. Jervis knew so little of the world that she felt powerless to advise. All she could do was to urge her visitor to make her Easter duties and to

try and be good.

"Well, I must be going. This ere sixpence you've given me'll get me anight's lodging and breakfast, but I wish I could get off to my brother. I'd turn over a new leaf then and go to church and be good like I was when I

was a kid.' "You would really go if you had the money?" asked Mrs. Jervis in a low voice quavering with suppressed emo-

"Wouldn't I? You just give me the chawnce, that's all."

Mrs. Jervis was silent, then, with one glance at her crucifix to nerve her held. The man was greater than the for the sacrifice, she rose and calmly lawyer, and, however much we respect the one, we admire still more the other.

istounded Dreda.
"You will find enough here to take you to America, I believe," said Mrs. Jervis. She would not open the purse and count the gold, though she knew well the amount that there was of it. Had she not often looked at it and thought with satisfaction that at least when she died, poorly as she had ex-isted, yet that her funeral would be one that would not disgrace the name of Lumsley, and that the parish would have nothing to say to it.

"You will promise me faithfully to go?" she added.

Dreda started as the little purse was placed in her outstretched hand. She felt it was heavy. "Yes. Well, you are a good one, I must sye."

"You promise?" "Faithful. 'Ere, give us yer address and I'll write and tell you when I start," said Dreda. And Mrs. Jervis wrote it down with a shaking hand as Dreda pocketed the purse and buttoned

up her jacket. TO BE CONTINUED.

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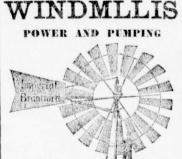
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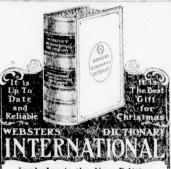
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