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CHATTS WITH YOUNG MEN. To be honest, to be kind, to earn a little and to spend a little less, to make upon the whole the family happier for his presence, to renounce what shall be necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends but those without capitulation, above all on the same grin condition to keep friends with himself—this is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy.—Robt. L. Stevenson.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. STORIES ON THE ROSARY. By LOUISA EMILY DORRIS. The Presentation in the Temple. COUNTESS LUIGI. "Lisbeth went to Mass as usual, saw that the children did the same, and as she cooked the Sunday dinner schemed how she could get out that evening, for it was arranged that she should go with most her Count by the river. Mrs. Baxton was expected back in the afternoon, and when she came declared that she had such a violent headache that she should not go to Benediction. Lisbeth knew that her mother must indeed be suffering for her to forego her church. She was very full of having seen Nellie, who had long ago had her desire to "walk out" with the young man in the grocery line quenched very decidedly, and had plenty to say on that and other topics, and Lisbeth listened absently while her thoughts were busy about very different matters.

CHRISTIAN UNITY. FATHER SHEDDY ON THE DESIRE FOR REUNION. Rev. Morgan M. Shedy, in Pittsburg Post. "Not a God of dissension, but of peace." (St. Paul, I. Cor. xiv, 33.) Are the various Christian bodies of the country about to bury their differences and come closer together in creed and practice? Is the religious trend of the times toward Christian unity and the realization of the prayer of the Divine Founder for union among His followers: "Father, I pray that they may be one as we are also one?" There are evident indications that Christians everywhere are growing tired of dissensions. They want peace. In the assemblies of the different denominations held recently the subject of reunion has been warmly discussed. Kindly bodies have made overtures to reunite. The existence of a hundred and forty-five different sects in the United States is deplored and there is an earnest demand to lessen their number, even if the time has not yet come for corporate union.

THE APOSTOLIC RACE. The other day, at the erection in Leykenstone cemetery, England, of a beautiful Celtic cross to the memory of the late Dean Dooley, an Irish priest who, since his ordination, had labored in England, the Hon. Charles Russell, who made the address, said: "With whatever feelings each one of us may view the history of Ireland during the past hundred years, all must agree that there is one great role which her ordained sons have gloriously fulfilled. They have become the missionaries of the Catholic faith, not to their own nation only, but to all English speaking nations of the world. Without the devotion and self sacrifice of thousands of Irish priests, the Catholics of England, the United States, Australia and Africa, now numbering tens of millions, might be to-day without the faith. Who can say that perhaps, in the inscrutable wisdom of Providence, the famine-induced immigrations and other manifold sufferings and humiliations which Ireland has endured may not have been permitted in order that this great fact may be better accomplished?"

WOMEN WHO DEFEND THE CRUCIFIX. A French paper, the Croix de l'Allier, gives a description of a lively encounter which has taken place at Lachamp between anti-Christian iconoclasts and a number of Catholic women. The enemies of the Church at Lachamp had resolved to destroy the crucifixes in this country and to be followed by religious processions. The profanity was to be indulged in during the night. Two crosses were successfully overturned; a third, in cast iron was broken up. There remained a fourth, in the village of Lachamp. At midnight a woman was roused from sleep by the words, "Madame, if you wish to defend your cross, now is the time! She called up the other women of the village, and they all hid behind the hedges, each armed with a steel pitchfork. They were determined, one and all, to defend their cross, were they to shed their blood for it. Some men also watched to help their valiant companions in case of need. The cross-breakers arrived, and were met with vigorous blows from the forks. Surprised at this reception, they made use of their revolvers, for the sounder were excited. None of the women fled. The blows from the forks fell thick and fast. The iconoclasts took to flight and disappeared in congenial darkness as they were.

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