

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

MOTHER
When a fellow has a mother
He's a mighty lucky man;
For he'll never have another,
Though he reach life's longest span.

She's the one thing in creation
That your money cannot buy;
She's beyond all calculation—
Doesn't matter how you try.

You may talk about the others
Who are near and dear and true
But no cousins, aunts or brothers
Can approach her love for you.

When you think of all the fellows
Who of mother-love are short,
Then your spirit melts and mellow,
And with sympathy you're torn.

For a mother'll go through anguish
For her each and every son;
And, like old, she'll never languish
Till her holy work is done.

Should the hand of Fate deprive me
Of this closest, kindest friend,
Others never could revive me,
Nor my broken heart could mend.

So I pray that God may leave her
Through the long eventful years,
Free from trouble that would grieve her,
And from aught that causes tears.

A QUIET REBUKE
An "object admonition" like the
one described by Warren Lee Goss in
his article, "Campaigning to No
Purpose," published in Johnson's
"Battles and Leaders of the American
Civil War," is often more effective
than storms of reproach.

One day the colonel of the regiment
noticed a soldier on parade
wearing a badly soiled pair of gloves.
"Corporal," said the officer, "why
do you set the men such a bad
example as appearing before them in
dirty gloves? Why is it?"

"I've had no pay, sir, since I
entered the service," returned the
corporal. "I can't afford to have
them done up."

The colonel drew from his pocket
a pair of gloves, spotlessly white.
Handing them to the corporal, he
said, quietly:

"Put them on. I washed them
myself."

It was an unforgotten lesson to
the whole regiment.—True Voice.

MEETING SORROW

We all receive heartaches once in a
while. Everyone does. If it is not
one kind of sorrow, it is another.
We should not be here if our lives
were to run along without a ripple.
So because we have met with disappointments
or sorrow, we must not
let ourselves become sour and place
ourselves in a rut where we imagine
everybody is sorry for us; and in our
narrowness, we think we derive comfort
from such sympathy when the
truth of our position is this—nobody
really pities us. People think we
should have more stability than to
be crushed by incidents that come
into almost every life.

We could all be in that position if
we let ourselves go down with our
feelings, instead of looking up and
realizing that every sorrow comes
from God, and that He has put into
our hands the things we are complaining
of. Always remember the
old adage, "Laugh and the world
laughs with you; weep and you weep
alone." Seek for joys and you will
find them, not in a rut, but in the
paths outworn before you.—True
Voice.

FRIENDSHIP

Let all friendships be founded and
maintained in the love of God, and
they will be lasting, proof against
any difficulty that may arise; they
will also be most consoling and safe.
Not many true friends come in a lifetime,
and young persons ought to
discriminate and not carelessly all
candidates for their affection, and
cherish fondly those that are thus
judiciously chosen. There are some
persons who seem made for one
another; they exhibit such mutually
sympathetic natures; their characters
are so similar. Loyalty to such
friends is a lofty virtue. I speak not
here of the simple love of charity
which we must have for all men; but
of that spiritual friendship, by which
two, three, or more souls comment
each one to another their devotion
and spiritual affection and make
themselves all but one spirit. To be
a real friend is worthy high endeavor,
for faith, truth, tenderness, courage,
and loyalty bring one close to the
Kingdom of God.—Intermountain
Catholic.

HOMER MCKEE'S PRAYER

We do not know who Homer
McKee is. The first half of the name
sounds Greek and the other half
Irish, maybe Scotch. Greek, Scotch
or Irish, Homer McKee has a prayer
in the bulletin of the Kansas State
Board of Health, that suggests something
worth while praying for.

This is Homer McKee's prayer:
"Teach me that sixty minutes
make an hour, sixteen ounces one
pound, and one hundred cents one
dollar.

"Help me to live so that I can lie
down at night with a clear conscience,
without a gun under my pillow
and unhaunted by the faces of those
to whom I have brought pain.

"Deafen me to the jingle of tainted
money and the rustle of unholy
skirts.

"Blind me to the thoughts of the
other fellow, but reveal to me my
own.

"Guide me so that each night
when I look across the dinner table
at my wife, who has been a blessing
to me, I will have nothing to conceal.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

SOMEBODY ELSE
Who's Somebody Else? I should
like to know.
Does he live at the North or the
South?
Or is it a lady fair to see,
Whose name is in every month?
For Meg says, "Somebody Else will
sing."

Or, "Somebody Else can play."
And Jack says, "Please let Somebody
Else
Do some of the errands today."

If there's any hard or unpleasant
task,
Or difficult thing to do,
'Tis always offered to Somebody
Else—
Now isn't this very true?

But if some fruit or a pleasant trip
is offered to Dick or Jess,
We hear not a word of Somebody
Else.

Why? I will leave you to guess.
The words of cheer for a stranger
led
This Somebody Else will speak,
And the poor and helpless who need
a friend.

Good Somebody Else must seek.
The cup of cold water in Jesus'
name—
Oh, Somebody Else will offer;
And words of love for a broken
heart.

Brave Somebody Else will proffer.
There are battles in life we only can
fight.
And victories, too, to win;
And Somebody Else cannot take our
place.

When we shall have "entered in."
But if Somebody Else has done his
work,
While we for ease have striven,
'Twill only be fair if the blessed reward
To Somebody Else is given.

—Intermountain Catholic

PLEASANT LOOKS AND CHEER

Have you ever seen a more pleasant
picture than a cheerful countenance?
Like a calm, confident being,
a cheerful person radiates light
wherever he is found, and the effect
of his presence is duly felt on his
companions. A company of individuals
cannot be otherwise than agreeable
if one in their midst is of a
sunny, cheerful temperament.

As sorrow weighs the heart down,
so does cheerfulness bear it up.
Many think that a long face, and a
sad weary smile gain sympathy.
Perhaps so; but a sunny disposition
gains friends. Can there be any two
ways of choosing between them.
Who does not prefer friends to the
doubtfully sympathetic words of a
chance listener.

"A merry heart goes all the day,
A sad heart tires in a mile."

Those who worry are constantly
under a strain. Worry leaves its
marks on the face of its victim, and
is ever seeking to dispel any trace
of happiness to be found. To meet the
trials and tribulations of life with a
smile, and to have no fear of, or
solicitude for the future, and to help
others by a kind word or pleasant
smile—that is true cheerfulness.—
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BOOKS AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The approach of Christmas rather
naturally suggests to the normal
Christian mind the subject of gifts.
Even among those persons who have
abandoned belief in the traditional
story of Bethlehem and who deny
the divinity of the Christ-Child, the
primary connotation of Christmas-
tide is Christmas boxes.

The reason has from time immemorial
been so closely associated
with intensified good-will among
friends and acquaintances that in
the externalization of such good will
in the presentation of gifts has come
to be taken much as a matter of course.
So deeply rooted indeed is the sentiment
which dictates the making of
presents at Christmas time that it
refuses to listen to the apparently
strictly logical objections occasionally
urged against the practice.

One fallacy entertained by very
many persons is that Christmas gifts
invariably represent a certain
measure of extravagance, at least on
the part of those who are not especially
favored with the goods of this
world. The very truth is that, as
George Eliot says: "One must be
poor to know the luxury of giving."

And, among more intimate friends
at least, the psychology of the matter
is precisely as stated by the sovereign
author, Thomas a Kempis: "He
who loves with purity considers not
the gift of the lover, but the love of
the giver."

In our own day the ubiquitous
Christmas card furnishes even the
poorest with an inexpensive form of
Christmas greeting; but there is a
far better form which deserves to be
commemorated much more common than it
is at present—the giving of books.

Even on the score of economy, it
may well compete with the more
popular card. There are booklets,
brochures, pamphlets and leaflets
fully as inexpensive as the cheapest
cards, and immeasurably better
worth while as vehicles of Christmas
greetings.—Ave Maria.

WISE COUNSEL

The extensive observer who scans
the world from China to Peru, must
be impressed with the great struggle
which is going on in the world.
Social unrest, moral anarchy, and
universal injustice are symptoms of
a society in the throes of a rebirth.
Two direful prophecies have lately
been uttered to the effect that we
are living in a fool's paradise if we
ignore the fundamental disintegration
that is going on in the structure
of society. Industrialism or Chaos
by Mr. Cole stressed the point from
the laborer's standpoint. Mr. Bellon
in Europe and the Faith reaches the
conclusion from a Catholic viewpoint
that "We have reached at last, as a
final result of that catastrophe three
hundred years ago (the Reformation)
a state of society that cannot endure,
which trembles and threatens to
crash down. It is clearly insecure.
It may fall at any moment. We who
still live may see the ruin. But ruin
when it comes is not only a sudden,
it is also a final thing."

The struggle for mastery of the
world, today is between mighty
forces. Two great international
agencies are striving for the ascendancy,
Capitalism and Socialism.
The Church aims at subduing the
world for Christ. Capitalism and
Socialism are subduing the world for
itself, and Socialism at subjugating
mankind to the idea of an earthly
paradise. Capitalism and Socialism are
fighting themselves and the Catholic
Church is opposing the evils in
both and trying to reconcile their
differences on the principles of
justice and charity, and reconstruct
the world according to the motto of
the late Holy Father, "to restore all
things in Christ."

It is no easy matter as the illustrious
Pope Leo XIII. pointed out to
define the relative rights and mutual
duties of the rich and the poor, of
capital and labor, for crafty agitators
are intent on making use of the
differences of opinion to pervert
men's judgments and to stir up the
people to revolt. Today the con-
fusion of the world's unrest is
occurring the public mind to the
exclusion of all other material con-
siderations. Wise men are discuss-
ing it, practical men are proposing
schemes and popular assemblies and
rulers of nations are busied with it.
Voices innumerable are uttering
their convictions and confusing
men's minds with the complexities
of the problem.

Above them all sounds clear and
strong the voice of the Holy Father.
Now he warns against the danger of
revolutionary measures. Now he
points out the evils in the industrial
system, the twin plagues of greed
and love of pleasure. Again he
invigilates in vigorous terms against
perpetuating hatred and urges Christian
reconciliation among nations
and individuals.

Finally the Holy Father turns to
womanhood and decries the false
standards that the world has foisted
upon her and turns her face to the
blessed vision of the family-life of
Nazareth. The Catholic principles
adapted to the needs of the day are
nowhere so lucidly expounded as in
the addresses and encyclicals of Pope
Benedict XV.

Catholics individually as well as
collectively have a part to play in
the struggle between the powers of
the world and the Church which
Christ founded. To whom should
they turn to learn Christ's principles,
but to Christ's Vicar on earth?
They owe it to themselves, to their
Church and to their country to
imbibe these principles emanating
from time to time from the Holy
Father and to make them blossom
forth in their own lives.

The struggle is the age-long
struggle between the forces of good
and the forces of evil, between
Christ and the world. But He has
taught us to fear not, for He has over-
come the world. The world is
due must be overcome, it must
be won for Christ, but it
can only be won by the
co-operation of Catholics alive to the
importance of the momentous
struggle in which the world is at
present engaged. The opportunities
for the lay apostolate were never
greater than they are today. Along
the difficult pathway of Christian
reconstruction and the amelioration
of the world the Holy Father points
the way.—The Pilot.

CRITICAL DAYS

According to reliable forecasts, we
are facing a critical future. Reports
from various parts of the country in-
dicate an increase of unemployment,
and in some industries a reduction
of wages. There can be no doubt
but that these phenomena will have
a tendency to strengthen the exist-
ing social unrest and that they will
be exploited by the apostles of dis-
content. The material that may
culminate in an explosion is thus
readily accumulating.

Times of transition are always
fraught with dangers and fatal possi-
bilities. The return to normal from
conditions that were essentially
transitory may be likened to the
state of convalescence. But every
body is familiar with the perils that
beset the struggle for complete re-
covery. It is a delicate situation
that confronts the men who have
emerged from a grave illness. Little
things may bring about a disastrous
relapse, or at least retard indefinitely
the restoration of health. It is
just such a situation towards which
we are moving. The near future
will require much tact and will tax
to the utmost the good will of all the
industrial factors concerned. Un-

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reasonableness, under such circum-
stances, will react perniciously. The
situation is the more alarming, as
there are signs of a reactionary
movement on the part of some em-
ployers, who think that this is the
opportunity to regain their hold
upon the industrial power that was
fast slipping away from them. This
is no time for a test of strength
between the conflicting parties nor a
time for the assertion of power. In
fact, this is the worst and most in-
opportune time for any such
attempts. Tempers have been sorely
tried and they will not stand much
of a strain. On the contrary, this is
a time when the voice of sound com-
mon sense should be heeded and
when men should make every effort
to understand one another, lest any
misunderstanding might lead to an
irremediable clash. Moderation
ought to be the watchword of the
hour. The atmosphere is alive with
antagonisms of every kind and this
high atmospheric tension must not
be intensified by unwise inflexibility.
This might prove extremely costly.
Caution and patience alone will
avert social disaster. The social
reformer has his course mapped out
for him. It will be his chief concern
to work for conciliation and com-
promise. He will warn the autocrats
of industry not to undertake to undo
what has been accomplished in late
years; this would be likely to arouse
destructive resentment. He will
warn labor not to urge further
claims at a time when industry is
trying hard to recuperate and when
new demands will meet with a stone-
wall opposition and will find no
encouragement from the general
public. A little common sense and
a little good will, however, will tide
us over this critical point and bring
us back to normal and wholesome
conditions.—Catholic Standard and
Times.

RESPECT FOR ORDER THE MORAL LAW

The world of thought is torn with
discussion about the relative morality
of the present age. "Is it better or
worse as a result of the War," is the
question upon which learned men
are divided. The utterances of an
eminent historian and I venture
have thrown the question anew into
the forum of serious thought with
his observations that the present age
is worse than the status quo ante
bellum. He finds age mocked, dis-
cipline abandoned, marriage made
a jest, crime increasing, literature
degenerating and the present condi-
tion of modern society sadly deca-
dent.

And now into the discussion is in-
jected another depressing note from
a student of facts and figures. But it
is a characteristic of statistics that
they can be made to prove whatever
the investigator wishes to prove.
Inconclusive as the argument from
statistics usually is, the deductions
therefrom are frequently enlighten-
ing.

"With all its kindness and good
nature," says one of our public men,
"the temper of our communities
contains a strong strain of violence.
We condone violence and shirk its
punishment. We lack a high in-
stinct for order. We lack a sense of
the dignity of obedience to restraint
which is demanded for the common
good. We lack a certain respect for
our own security and the terms upon
which civilized communities keep
the peace." Which is but another
way of saying that we lack a suffi-
cient moral sanction.

What makes men restrain them-
selves from acts of violence, what
gives them a high instinct for order,
and what furnishes that dignity of
obedience and restraint? Nothing,
but the moral law placed in our
hearts by Almighty God and inter-
preted by Christ and His Church.
Nothing but the ordinance of Divine
reason ordering the moral law to be
kept and forbidding its violation
under penalty of eternal punishment
or the loss of eternal reward. In
other words nothing but the Law of
God. What we need is not statistics,
not academic discussions, but the
realization that there is a God, that
He has made His laws, and that dis-
obedience to sin and will be punished.
It matters little what men think of
the relative condition of the world
with regard to past ages. But it
matters much to ourselves in this
life and more particularly in the next
life, what we regard as the sanctions
of morality. By the observance by
each individual of the moral re-
straints ordained by God will we
make this a better world and this
country a better America. Only by
this will acts of violence decrease.
To ignore God is to court death.
For to disobey His law is sin, and
the wages of sin is death.—The Pilot.

It's the things you don't say that
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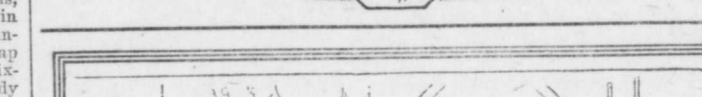


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