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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

HOW JIM HILL LEARNED TO BE HIS OWN MASTER

I have been surprised, in looking over the sketches of Hill which have fallen under my eye since his death, to observe how one incident is ignored, which, as he told me thirtyodd years ago, had marked the first important turning point in his life. It occurred when, as a young man,

he went, with a fellow clerk and in a very small way, into a fur-trading venture in the Hudson Bay country. He had always felt, up to that time, more or less dependent on others for his chances to get ahead in life. But once, starting afoot, with a half-breed Indian for a guide, to cross in midwinter a long stretch of unpeopled and unknown territory deeply buried in snow, he was several days from civilization, when in the night, he was accidently awakened by some thing, to discover signs that the guide was preparing to kill him and make off with his money, guns, ammunition, and provisions. By a trick he contrived to turn the tables on the treacherous fellow, and then in spite of all appeals and promises of better behavior, turned him adrift with just enough rations to last back to Winnipeg. As the guide disappeared over a ridge on the horizon, Hill realized that he was now absolutely alone in the midst of a trackless wilderness, with no chart or instructions to steer by, and with an uncertain number of miles still lying between him and his destina-

Then, for the first time in his life, he told me, he dropped upon his knees and committed himself to the mercy of God. When he rose his heart was strengthened, and he felt himself to be a full-sized man, who must thereafter stand on his own two feet and make his own way without leaning on others or trusting blindly to luck. Pushing forward in what, from the position of the sun, he conceived to be a northerly direction, he reached, after two days' plodding. a camp where he could get shelter. cooked food, and intelligent advice for finishing his journey. "From that day to this," said Hill, in con-cluding his story, "I have been my own master in everything, and have never known what it was to have a sinking of the heart in the presence of difficulties."-Tattler, in New York Nation.

UNDERSTAND YOUR OPPONENT'S THEORY

It is useless to argue unless we first understand one another, define exactly what we mean by the terms at issue, and have a true idea of each other's point of view. Two very able men, who are keen-

ly interested in social problems, met the other day for the first time. They had long known of each other by reputation and they had been to meet. They were soon plunged in a discussion.

I sat back and listened. I expected to hear some vital topics well threshed out. I thought each of those men would give way to the other and the talk would be highly illuminating. But I was disappointed. Neither gave way. On each other's pet theories they had no mercy. The talk led nowhere, except to indignant resentment. It was a rather painful and yet an amusing experience. I am sure that each of these antagonists came to the conclusion that the other was 2a fool. And yet I was convinced that fundamentally these two men agreed. The little episode set me thinking.

tion. It may come to the physician in times of great epidemics, when he can get very little rest. It comes when he often to the mother, in sickness in the family, when for weeks she may have to watch over her loved ones with only the minimum of rest and with only the minimum of rest and

sleep. Now, these emergencies come to all of us at one time or another, and they are the test of our reserve strength. If we do not have sufficient we pay the penalty in shattered health.

How shall we get and maintain this necessary reserve? Certainly not by constant overworking and goading brain and body to the limit of endurance. We can get and hold our maximum of strength and efficiency only by regular living and sufficient rest and sleep ; these are the great energy builders, life renewers, life refreshers; the great life conservers.—Catholic Columbian.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

VACATION SHOULD NOT MEAN THE END OF ALL MENTAL

ACTIVITY

Shiela Mahon in The Tablet The end of June will see a rush of sweet girl graduates and strong boy graduates off to the seaside or coun try, there to recuperate after their studies and triumphant final. Many of them will cast aside their books for the Summer months and give themselves wholly to enjoyment. Boating, rowing, tennis, baseball, and other forms of amusement will occupy their time from early morning nightfall, when they will retire glad

and happy. It is but right that enjoyment should follow labor, whether it is physical or mental work. No one can be expected to study all the time; but is it right that the lessons learned during the year should be put entirely out of sight? Brains rust as well as weapons, and as brains are our most powerful weapon in the battle of life should not give them even the slightest chance of losing their sharp-ness and brilliancy. A well-earned body. rest is absolutely necessary, but would a little brain work thrown in do any harm? Would it not add zest

to the rest cure? This advice is only for the healthy boy and girl who have sustained only natural brain fatigue through their studies for graduation. It is not for the delicate young people who mentally and physically, to accom-plish victory in their studies. Let this latter class spend every moment in the open. Let books be a dead letter to them. Let them think only of one thing ; to regain as quickly as

brue sky overhead and the song of the birds in the air as a cheerful holiday. But these delicate boys and girls

and girls, as a rule, are healthy, and be called an "opposition" religious thus the question presents itself : party, which was directed against the why should they make haste to lose sheer idleness, when a little fore-thought in selecting some choice. Church in Growthe the Catholic the results of their year's studies in ecclesiastical affairs. thought in selecting some choice Church in Germany was passing study for the Summer months, instead through the historic Kulturkampf. of lessening their enjoyment would We fought valiantly, but soon the add to the pleasures of their holiday lack of the necessary co-ordination existence? Every boy and girl has and subordination among the pastors a favorite study, something he or she became apparent, schisms arose takes delight in learning. With some it is history, poetry, or good reading, the different factions turned against as the case may be. Why not con- one another. ich studies, instead of follow These impressions received in my ing the example of empty-headed people reading trashy novels which, through life, and in my subsequent if not exactly harmful, at least do studies of Church history helped me not elevate, but absolutely deaden to explain psychologically the many all ideas of profitable and enjoyable discensions existing in Protestant study? For it must be conceded that Church affairs. And later when I if we follow a course mapped out by myself belonged as pastor to one of ourselves for our own advantage and enjoyment it ceases to be the task know that among Lutherans there enjoyment it ceases to be the task know that among Lutherans there commanded by the teacher who never had been unity, and never insists on study as a girl or boy's lawful work, and becomes, instead, a would be, least of all in doctrine. I grew ever more accustomed to pleasurable pastime. In the latter consider Protestantism as a whole case we are our own masters, which and to compare it with Catholicism. makes all the difference in the world. I saw how the Protestant people We are free to study or not to study became indifferent, because one conthat is where the delight comes in. We love freedom and particularly tradicted the other on the most important questions, and one made freedom in the summer time, when the other skeptical about his faith. I saw how the enemies of the Cross all nature is calling us out-of-doors to live and rejoice in the beauties found it easy to gain adherents to that surround us. their anti-Christian propaganda and If our young people could only be how powerless against them were even the most vigilant Lutherans. induced to bring with them to the seaside or country even one of their It was in this state of mind, while favorite studies, and now and again was still in Berlin, that the desire

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

books that are for sale, and in our public libraries too. Parents should be very careful of allowing their children to choose books indiscrimin-ately in the public library. Last week I can bear witness that one of the worst books, and by a reputable writer, too, came under my notice. I shivered at the idea of this book

coming into the hands of any of our Catholic boys and girls during the holiday season. I spoke to the librar-ian and mentioned the name of the book. Her answer was: "There are worse books in the library than that." But I understood there was a cen-I said. "Yes," she answered. sor,' but somehow or other, they manage to creep in." That is the word ; "Creep in."

All slimy things creep, they don't come openly and honestly—they are ashamed. There are circulating Christ. libraries in most of our country The resorts, so let parents be careful to watch what their children read.

There are so many splendid Catho-lic novels now that it should be easy to gratify a taste for good reading. Not so long since Catholic works

could not be had in public libraries. Now all that is changed. One has only to ask for a book by a good writer to get it. By Catholic books I do not mean religious books, but books that have been written by men and women for the amusement and instruction of youth, books that have a distinct charm, love stories of the purest kind-none of your triangle business with divorce as an outlet for unhappy marriages, and shame-

less men and women posing as hero and heroine. Such filth should be thrown into the fire and burned, before it gets leave to do its deadly work of ruining souls. Study while on your holidays, whether it is only good novels or history or poetry-study. It will

help to keep your minds busy—and you know the old adage, "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do. Consider how much mischief the Master of darkness can do with brains. Keep your minds in unison with nature, fresh and pure, and you will spend happy holidays and return in the Fall refreshed in mind and

THE CONVERSION OF A LUTHERAN MINISTER

Translated from the German by Rev. A. A. Miller, S. J., for "The Catholic Convert." Mr. Friederich Schuchard, of have exhausted all their energies, Dubuque, Iowa, one-time Lutheran

pastor, was received into the Church with his wife and five children a year ago. He is a direct lineal descendant of Philip Melanchthon, who was Luther's most noted associate.

My father, who was himself a Lutheran pastor, died in Cairo, Ill. possible their lost energies and health. Luther an pastor, died in Cairo, Ill. Let them browse in idleness with the In his last years he had inclined towards the Episcopal Church, and he received the last Communion from accompaniment to their well-earned the hands of an Episcopalian clergyman. After my father's death my mother went with her five children are only a few among the naturally to Germany. I was at that time only robust young people who form the five years old. At an early age I great majority. Our American boys usurpations of the civil power in

years different sects of the Lutheran what "intellectuality" accomplishes sects are everywhere building their utmost. It depends upon us Church have been quarrelling over the meaning of almost every important text in the Bible. And now the modern higher criticism has shaken the "It is written " so badly that no Protestant professor of theology in Germany dares to maintain a verbal inspiration of Scripture,

With the collapse of the authority of this old-line Protestant conception the entire faith of a large number has broken down. When the last authority is fallen and every one is his own pope, he will soon convince himself that he is his own saviour and his own god also. And when a man is his own god he will have no other gods before himself. He will trample pitilessly upon the weaker, become a thoroughgoing he will egotist and end in being an anti-

The fact that in Germany the Zeitgeist (meaning "Spirit of the Age," a materialistic movement), threatened at one time to sweep everything before it until it met its most powerful antagonist in the Catholic Church, while it has always found its best friends among the Protestants, must give food for serious reflection to of the things of the flesh. The nonevery one who has not forgotten how Christian university is a fit place to pray: "Thy kingdom come." Yet wherein to set up this modern Baal. in the face of these facts, which became increasingly plain to me, my -America. Lutheran friends kept on disputing whether the Pope was the anti-Christ in person or had only the character-

istics of anti-Christ. My conviction grew all the while stronger that the institution of the Papacy is divine, is the rock against which the spirit of anti-Christ will be dashed to pieces, and that Chris tianity without this institution would have been wrecked long ago.

Therefore I submitted joyfully to the authority of the Pope! God's friend. There are men really afraid grace had led me on, by placing me in circumstances from my early years which challenged my criticism of the Protestant system. On hearing of my conversion some

of my friends were good enough to say that it was due to my dullness. This accusation may easily have been true; of one thing I am certain that I was too dull as a Lutheran pastor to defend the particular brand of Lutheranism I knew, against its many other varieties. I admit al o that I was too dull to get my pupils to examine independently, without a teaching authority, but at the hand of the Bible alone, whether the "Con fession of Augsburg," or the "Formula of Concord," or the "Schmal-kaldian Articles" had any right to

exist, and whether all other shades of Protestantism outside our own essed the truth that we believed we held. I feel flattered, however, at the way the Lutheran pastors took the

news of my conversion. One of them, who hates the Catholic Church, said was too honest to become a Catho the other, who loves the Catholic Church, said I was too honest to remain a Lutheran.

REMEMBER : THEY ARE BLIND

A memorable lesson on the treatment of fanatical bigots, whose violence and abuse are sometimes so hard to bear, has been left by the late Lister Drummond, the zealous English convert, as recorded by the Ave Maria. One of his many friends and admirers, probably an associate with him in the activities of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, writes : "He was once asked if he

without God, may be placed an example of the deification of the pride of intellect which is common in our day. It is taken from in the state of the test in the state of the s in our day. It is taken from an article in the Atlantic Monthly containing a frank plea for a rejuvenated paganism whose high priests are to be chosen from among our university professors. The Church of the Living God is disdained, and the devotees of the new cult are invited to stroll into the temple of Minerva, there to find peace for both "eve and mind." They are to keep alive the fire of intellectual light "by setting apart a priesthood, a body of intellec-tual men who shall worship the God of truth and Him alone. The professors at Harvard, Yale, and else where constitute, or should constitute such a priesthood." The "truth"

referred to here is the negation of Christianity and Revelation.

This is the cult of the pagan philosophers of our day who would erect over the ruins of the Christian temple the shrines of Venus and Minerva. It is the cult from which have arisen the disasters of our time wars and suicides and the idolizing

CHEATING THE TRUTH

The numberless converts that every day literally break into the Church despite their prejudices, have re-ceived a splendid exemplification in the case of a recent distinguished convert. In the Chicago Exam-iner, he tells us: "I began my inquiry as an enemy," but, like many others, he ended it as a devoted that the truth will force them into the Church-the road of sacrifice leading heavenward. They would deem the discovery of Christ's truth a misfortune. They humbug them selves with their own shallow sophis try. They go through life in a state of religious coma induced by nervous indifferentism. They lull their consciences into a sickly quietude and think they are all right since they do not know, and believe they have not time to find out the truth. Such men are living in a state of mortal sin, for they are perpetually daring to trifle with God Himself in playing hop scotch with eternal verities. He who reasonably doubts of Pro-

testanism, and does not investigate his doubts can no longer be said to be in good faith; his mental condi-tion is essentially the outcome of bad faith. A baptized man who does not doubt of his false faith is in error, but not in sin. Quite different is it with the coward who fears to learn the truth lest he might lose the com forts of the world and the prestige to which thoughtless friends exalt him. He lives in a "fool's paradise," and runs to hide himself when wisdom shineslin a stray ray. He is a coward, a liar, and a cheat—deceiving him-self and daring to believe that his silly trickery deceives his God. Such men are the worst of fools, inasmuch as they fear to be wise .-- Catholic

A CRISIS IN CATHOLIC HISTORY

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Columbian.

Thoughts of great moment for our selves and for the Church universal must suggest themselves to Amer had ever had serious trouble at his meetings in the Park, and replied in port of the United States Branch of the negative, attributing his success the Society for Propagation of the always to keeping his temper, no Faith, together with the apposite remarks of the National Director matter how ridiculous or offensive the questions might be. He asked The total contribution of \$503,619.08 us to consider the case of a man including stipends for Masses, may entering your well-kept garden and at first sight appear satisfactory enough. It is certainly an indica trampling all the flowers down, walking on the beds, etc. If you tion of an awakening of our dor immediately rush out, with the idea bility Yet if we add to these rebility Yet if we add to these re of kicking him out of the gate ; but ceipts all other donations sent from if on approaching him you found he our country to the foreign missions was blind, your feeling of anger would change, and you would take \$750,000, or about five cents per cap him by the arm and lead him out of ita. Compare this with the \$18,793. garden. He begged us to 000 contributed during the same the period to the Protestant for-eign missions by organizations in the remember always to treat those outside the Church in the same way." United States and Canada. It is sad, pitifully sad, to read that rich Catholics, rich congregations fashionable colleges and academies. SUICIDES AND THE CULT OF MINERVA have with rare exceptions done little credence to the frequently repeated statement that teachers are "extra-suicidal in their tendencies" of a most evident New England Journal of Education Kingdom of God and its propagation finds that of late the evidence has upon earth. Catholic millionaires become too conclusive to be rejected. do not figure in the list. ' certain young men who wished to be The suicide of a city school superhave no time to contribute to the intendent in Michigan and of a propropagation of their faith abroad. affiliated with any church. At this fessor in Johns Hopkins University on almost the same day, together God grant they keep it themselves at home." If anywhere, it is here on almost the same day, together become a missionary, I attended a with other similar instances precedthat one is tempted to speak in no uncertain tones. It is difficult to ing and following these events, induced the educational journal to excuse from lukewarmness in his issue a formal warning under the holy religion the Catholic who startling headline : "Mania for Sui- understands the intense need of his cides among Teachers." That such a assistance at the present moment in warning is thought necessary for the the foreign mission field, and who nevertheless holds tight the purse-

are accomplishing their work intelligently

send His Angels from heaven to propagate it. This duty is ours: it is imposed upon American Catholics in particular, at this great crisis in human history. The Lord of the harvest has given us warnings and exhortations in abundance. The rousing mission interest among the Catholic cleary and laity are doing the abundance in the section of the land. Thus will God's blessing come to us at Catholic clergy and laity are doing home a hundredfold.-America.

accomplished now. This is a critical hour and we must seize the oppor-God has left the promotion of the faith to human agents. He will not



SEVEN

Is there so much disagreement in the world, after all ? Is not a great deal of the disagreement either verbal or self-assertive? Where people believe strongly they have a tendency to try to put down those who do not wholly agree with them. And yet such a disagreement as there is may be largely a matter of defini-tion, that is, of words. If either of the two antagonists had gracefully yielded to the other and had striven to catch the other's point of view, the conversation might have proceeded agreeably and profitably. As a matter of fact, it did not proceed at all. It was hardly more than a monologue, sustained now by one side and then by the other. "Try to take the point of view of

your antagonist and move from that,' says John I. Chapman. The remark has a certain profundity. If we all did it we should find arguing smoother than it now is, as a rule and we should also find many points of agreement with those apparently opposed to us, and we should find ial relations much easier and much more profitable.

STORE UP ENERGY

It is a dangerous thing to use up all of your physical and mental energy as you go along. You should not, as so many people constantly do, encroach upon your reserve. You should use each day only the force which is generated during the in the sun. Bright covered novels twenty four hours. If you use up lie beside them—suggestive stories more physical or mental energy during the day than you generate as you go along, it doesn't take a mathematician to show how soon you will be in physical bankruptcy.

be in physical bankruptcy. Every one should keep in his physical bank a large reserve of for emergencies. It may So the book is passed on and on, So the book is passed on and a smirch in your business, when leaving a smirch here, and a smirch truth. your precious capital may be in there on impresssionable young and jeopardy

would devote a little of their leisure, to oppose the enemies of Christ drove to it, how much profitable time would be saved instead of lost in the me into a movement organized by vortex of idleness. The latter state very Christian, but without being seems to be the general idea of passing the summer holidays. Such light study would not interfere with pleasure ; it would only add to it.

theological seminary in Bavaria. Go to any seaside resort and note This institution maintained a prothe attitude of our American boys and girls. Down on the sands the nounced conservative tendency and imitated the Catholic Church more young people are bathing or lolling than other Lutheran bodies. My spirit of universalism, however, was not so easily to be squeezed into the mostly-bought at the newstand and -must I say it bought for that very already imbibed some of the revolureason, and to indulge an unwholetionary spirit which would not bend some curiosity, because some one to the essential Lutheran dictum. "It had said. "Don't read that book, it's is written." I followed the party which maintained that Scripture is authority only in so far as the individual conscience manifests it as

My professors, however, would you have to minds and, in some cases, working have none of this. Their teaching slight deterrent indeed for the man yupon your reserve. havoc that can never be undone. The demanded a "sacrificium intellectus" who stands prepared to break into Jeopardy and your reserve. draw very heavily upon your reserve. It may come to the lawyer in some harm that one immoral book can do in favor of the formula : "It is harm that one immoral book can do is far-reaching in its results; it written." But who among them reputation and future hang. He may be obliged to work day and night to

teachers of our non-Christian instiform of Lutheran orthodoxy. I had tutions is certainly lamentable ; but strings of his wealth.

the motive urged to prevent such deeds is, if possible, even more pitiful. It strikingly indicates how weak seriously brought home to him. are the props of morality when religion is removed. "It is import-ant," says the journal, "that teachers realize that the whole profession and the properties of the profession when are gain-quished to Protestants who are gainsuffers when one of them goes wrong

in life, or in going out of life." A are sending armies of men and who stands prepared to break into It is a real delusion to believe that "It is the sanctuary of life and wilfully to they are not making converts. With them cast aside the canons which God has set against self-slaughter !

Side by side with this illustration Eastern countries will be Protestant save his client and his own reputa- a lower scale than in the class of have. For the last four hundred which is only one sad evidence of ized while Catholics are asleep. The

The excuse pleaded will doubtless be that these needs have never been ing adherents in vast numbers and women to every corner of the earth. are not concerned; but the great

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