# CHATS WITH YOUNG

MEN OPTIMISM

The world is sweet, and fair, and

bright, aboundeth everywhere, glorious stars crown every

night
And thro' the dark of ev'ry care
Above us shineth heaven's light.

If from the cradle to the grave We reckon all our days and hours We sure will find they give and

Much less of thorns and more of flowers; And tho' some tears must ever lave.

The path we tread, upon them all The light of smiles forever lies, As o'er the rains, from clouds that

The sun shines sweeter in the skies. Lifeholdethmore of sweet than gall.

For ev'ry one no matter who, Or what their lot-or high or low; All hearts have clouds, but heaven's

Wraps robes of light around each Aud this is truest of the true:

That joy is stronger here than grief,

Gives more of smiles for less of tears. Joy is life's tree-grief but its leaf. -FATHER RYAN

## YOUR TIME

Nobody pays you for putting in so Your time isn't worth anything to

anybody.

It's only what you do that counts

what we accomplish?

Time can be likened to a tool or to

a machine. The tool of a machine is of no earthly use unless it is put to work, unless it is used, unless it helps to earn money.

Perhaps you have sometimes remarked that the big fellows around the place often put in very ancient saws has waned. little time; that they seem to take lots of time off. But corporations

They damn them in totality for all their "smug morality;" or other employers never measure the value of a high-salaried man simply by the number of hours he spends at his work. He is judged solely by the value of what he accomplishes. One man in an executive position might work twelve hours a day and yet not be worth \$2,000 a year, while another might be on the spot only half as many hours and yet be worth \$20,000 a year. Incidentally, most men holding responsible positions devote a great deal of thought to their duties while they are away.

If we but watch humanity about us, day by day.

And underneath old Sol I see that honesty's a policy

Which, by and large and in the word was a good man.

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The Mother promise good, and that he would be a good man.

Which is pretty sure to pay: their duties while they are away from business.

Personally, I have found that there is more satisfaction in being judged and paid by results than by hour or the day-that, simply by time.

The wise, willing, ambitious worker will strive to do so much work and to do it so well that he

This thought that your time is not worth a nickel to anybody is a Strive with all the energy and vigor you possess to put some-thing into the day.—Michigan Catholic.

A CHANCE TO BE KIND

I wonder if you and I, as we hurry along through life, quite appreciate the chances to be kind which come our way—or if we aren't rather disposed to regard them with disfavor resenting them. them with disfavor, resenting them as an intrusion upon our time and our personal activities? I would not include, of course, in that surmise the special chances to be kind which occur during the holi-

even the most obdurate of us a certain seasonable eagerness to do kind things.

But when I refer to our resenting our opportunities for kindness in general I have in mind those common-place, every-day, all-theyear-round chances for kind deeds which are vouchsafed us. These I fear we do resent frequently—and all because of our unawareness of their deep pyschological value. Somebody once said that the reaction to anything is usually greater than the action, but the act of kindness seems to be an exception to this rule. The more kind acts one does, the more one craves to do; perhaps this is because one experiences so glowing a sensation in one's soul when one has been good to an other than one's self. And there isn't anything really that brings a happier expression to a human countenance—nothing that

a moment and reflect on the past year we'll discover that the day etched in fadeless colors upon the retina of memory, is not the one upon which we gained a goal and thereby earned the plaudits of the crowd in ot the one upon which we go in the first Companies Clear. 

individual aims. And the immutable law of compensation proves this. Unless we share freely and try very head?" gladly of all which we possess, our possessions become as dead sea fruit to us for we lose eventually the capacity to enjoy them. It is pathetically easy to hoard life, just as it is easy to hoard gold. But happiness doesn't belong to miser. In fact it's the one thing he's unable to grasp in his fingers says I am careless and don't seem to try very hard."

"Yes, dear," his mother interrupted, and then gave him a loving look which told him to continue.

"But I told him to please give me a chance. I said I'd try as hard as anything if you do and then he nodded his head and smiled.

"So that's the way you asked That joy is stronger here than gree, Fills more of life, far more of years, And makes the reign of sorrow he's unable to grasp in his fingers or in his heart. Joy is the asset of or in his heart. the giver in life—not of the getter.
The very reason for existence is that we may share our benefits with our fellow creatures. Life puts that responsibility upon each of us—and whether our most prized possession be a sack of gold or a crust of bread, a dream or an ideal or an inspiration, we must be ready eagerly to share it with those who

The fashion is to sneer at them, to mock and mouth and jeer at them,

Those simple, honest maxims that the copy-books contained; For modernists most cynical look

their "smug morality;"
"Be good and you'll be happy" is,

they tell us, false and trite, But, spite of skeptics critical and hyperanalytical, I have a mild suspicion that the

again" is proven to our eyes

If we but watch humanity about us,

out their truth didactical
And as a working plan of life the a worry to him, as his own father's

breath, they say helpful one to keep always in mind.

Don't try merely to "put in the it's proven times enough.

A thing that's true as gospel — for it's proven times enough. it's proven times enough.

The highbrows may get gay with them, but they can't do away

with them. Those dry and dusty slogans will not vanish from our sight;

surmise the special chances to be kind which occur during the holidays, for under the genial spell of the Christmas spirit, when benevolence and good will are in the very atmosphere we breathe, our hearts and our purses open almost mechanically to every appeal, and the mere sight of a windy Santa Claus on the street corner or a lightered tree in a shop window gives in a street when the special chances advanced age in their household, and he enjoyed many advantages on account of his years. Looking after the other four children was his biggest and hardest duty; going to the Brother's School and being allowed to go to the football matches were among the advanced age in their household, and he enjoyed many advantages on account of his years. Looking after the other four children was his biggest and hardest duty; going allowed to go to the football matches were among the advanced age in their household. lightened tree in a shop window gives even the most obdurate of us a certain seasonable eagerness to do "real" boys school, and also far the vicing to negotiate tram-lines, and go to a certain seasonable eagerness to do "real" boys school, and also far the vicing to net require football

more clearly tunes the heart to the infinite than a simple act of kind- and had patiently borne with the others. And now tea was over, the little ones had gone to bed, Daddy

acquired or achieved or attained something in our own behalf—but just the day upon which we guided somebody's faltering feet over the stile of discouragement, or poured of our own lavish blessings into the empty urn of another's anguished spirit.

Life is not given us to spend solely upon ourselves any more than fame, or power or gold is. Love and health and wealth and genius and ability are gifts to be shared—not squandered merely for our own personal interests: our own individual aims. And the immuthappily as he went on softly so as not to disturb Daddy's reading. I'll be better, just see if I don't. Why, I believe I'm better already. I feel better since Brother Paul put me in the Class. He was going to leave me another year because he

"So that's the way you asked him? It wasn't very polite or grammatical, but I'm sure Brother Paul understands little boys and

has confidence in you."
Willie nodded his head and

agreed, then silently took his cate-chism to study until bed-time.

His father had been an attentive listener to the little dialogue be-tween mother and son. The paper screened his face from view and they did not notice that the news have to the description of our work in the manner high spirited, joyous and have earned a good day's pay.

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willie's voice broke in on his reflections; he had pushed his catechism aside and was again

speaking softly to his mother.

"Brother said that we boys in the first Communion Class must give a good example to the other boys and that wherever we are tempted to do the wrong thing, we must remind ourselves that we are preparing for Holy Communion. Mamma, will you please keep reminding me? You're good, and hyperanalytical,
I have a mild suspicion that the copy-books are right!
"Truth, crushed to earth, will rise"
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"Truth, crushed to earth, will rise"
I'll be safe then, won't I? You see the devil has his own way so often when people don't go to Holy Com-

The Mother promised to pray for her boy that God would make him good, and that he would also grow

Which, by and large and in the main, is pretty sure to pay;
Yes, call them 'dull beatitudes and ancient mouldy platitudes,
Yet somehow those who follow them keep rather near the light,
For simple tests and practical bear

The simple tests and practical bear the Communion rail? Was it work and to do it so well that he will sooner or later be promoted to a position where his pay will be governed not by so much per hour, but by the worth of the services he renders.

This thought that your time is not worth a possible of the services here the serv with hope sometimes, and times faint with fear? Wor child's mother tell Willie to offer up his Communion for him also, as his

mother had done years before?
"Mamma, if I don't awake in the
morning in time for Mass, will you
please call me? I want to be up early, so goodnight Papa and Mamma," He gave each of them a rousing kiss and hug and then scampered up the stairs.

The succeeding weeks proved the The succeeding weeks proved the child's earnestness; he tried hard to correct his faults and he studied well, but poor Willie often made mistakes. The days slipped by and each night the little brothers prayed for Willie to be good, Mamma prayed often, and we think his father did too.

That evening when the little ones

That evening when the little ones were asleep, Mother put on her hat and coat, and said to her husband, "I'll not be gone long."

He gave her a questioning look and she answered it. Yes, I'm going to confession. I—I want to go to Communion in the morning—the day our boy receives our Lord for the first time. She went to the door thinking if he would only as

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pened to be a friend of the priest; leaving his companions he advanced to greet the good Father; but the latter whispered: "I cannot stop; I am carrying the Blessed Sacra-



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