

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

IT IS EASY TO QUIT
It is easy to quit! Anybody can say: "The hill is too high" or "It's too far away."

It is easy to quit! Any fool can explain
To himself and his friends why the struggle was vain.

It is easy to quit and drop out of the game
And say you don't want either fortune or fame;

It is easy to pass up the chance to succeed
To decide that a little is all you will need.

And leave to another the hard thing to do,
But it takes brains and courage to see that task through.

So boy, when you're tempted to quit or to shirk,
Remember a coward can run from his work.

A fool can give up, and he will when hard pressed,
But it calls for a man to go through with the test.

Keep on while you still have some strength you can spend,
That is harder than quitting, but wins in the end.

THOROUGHNESS

Do not undertake to do anything which you do not mean to do as well as you can.
Not everyone can say, like Ruskin, "I never write about anything except what I know more of than most other people," but there is none but can and ought to say, "I never set about doing anything except what I can do as well as or better than most other people."

Depend upon it, thoroughness in the long run makes its mark, and plays a good dividend.
It is a deplorable pity that that grand principle is not more generally insisted on, and driven home.

It is possible for a man to forget many of childhood's happenings, but as long as reason holds sway there is one name that can ever elicit a noble response from his innermost being, the cherished name of her who bore him.

Indeed, it is recorded of more than one great in worldly achievements that when he lapsed into the comatose state that accompanied his final departure from life the incoherent phrases that fell from his lips showed that his phantasy was dwelling on the dearest of natural treasures, the realistic picture of his mother.

That name had always stood to him for a reality, a living person, who, though her body had long since been consigned to forces of dissolution, still survived in his memory, fresh and consoling.

PEACE OF THE SOUL
God created the heart of man to no other end than to love Him, and to be beloved by Him again.

On the government of this alone depends our spiritual life and death.
The art of governing it must needs be very easy, since its true character is to act through love, and to do nothing by force.

All we have to do is to watch with great calmness the true spirit of our actions.
To observe whence they spring and whither they tend.

Whether they are achieved by the heart, the source of divine love, or by the understanding whence arises human vain glory.

glory, puffing you up with a false notion of having performed wonders, when in fact you have done nothing that is praiseworthy.

Man's warfare, mentioned by Job, consists in thus watching continually over ourselves.

This is to be performed without the least peevishness or anxiety, for what is aimed at is to give peace to the soul to calm and appease its emotions when troubled or disturbed in its operations or prayers.

For we may be assured, in such a condition, prayers will be very indifferently said, till the soul be freed from all uneasiness.

This may be affected by a single emotion of mildness, which is the only means of remedying this disorder and restoring her former tranquillity.—The Pilot.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

MOTHER'S WAY
Off within our little cottage,
As the shadows gently fall,

While the sunlight touches softly
One sweet face upon the wall,
Do we gather close together,

And in hushed and tender tone
Ask each other's full forgiveness
For the wrong that each hath done.

Should you wonder why this custom
At the ending of the day,
Eye and voice would answer:
" 'Twas once our mother's way."

If our home be bright and cheery;
If it holds a welcome true,
Opening wide its door of greeting
To the many—not the few;

If we share Our Father's bounty
With the needy day by day,
'Tis because our hearts remember
This was ever mother's way.

Sometimes, when our hands grow weary,
When our burdens look too heavy,
And we deem the right all wrong;
Then we gain a new, fresh courage,

And we rise to proudly say:
"Let us do our duty bravely—
This was our dear mother's way!"

Thus we keep her memory precious,
While we never cease to pray,
That at last, when lengthening shadows
Mark the evening of our day,

They may find us waiting calmly
To go home our mother's way.
—FATHER ABRAHAM J. RYAN

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, occupies a fitting and proper place in this holy season of Advent.

As Advent is a time of preparation for the welcoming of the Only-Begotten Son of God in the guise of the Infant Saviour, so the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a preparatory act on the part of God for the incarnation of His Beloved Son in the womb of Mary.

The sublime mystery of the Incarnation, which is the object of all true Christmas joy, demanded this miraculous and marvelous preliminary: the preparation of a proper place for its realization.

Hence, the Immaculateness that was demanded of and executed in Mary, who was to be the mother of the Divine Word made Flesh, To the sincere followers of Jesus, to the devoted clients of Mary, the 8th of December is assuredly a day of great joy for what it means to Jesus, to Mary, to men. It is a day, too, for sincere congratulation to Mary: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." These words of exultant greeting were first wafted from heaven to earth, as uttered by Gabriel in his annunciation to Mary.

On this glorious and inspiring Feast of the Immaculate Conception, this greeting is taken up by millions of Mary's adopted children and is sent ringing back from earth to heaven in a glad chorus of praise to the radiant, the resplendent, the Immaculate Queen of Heaven.

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It is only a treatment of a symptom. It does not eradicate the disease. It does not make the community virtuous. No amount of restraint, no amount of law can do that. If our political and social standards are the result of an enlightened conscience, then their perfection depends upon securing a more enlightened conscience."

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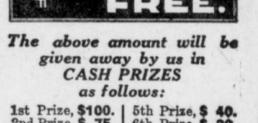
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