CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE BOY WHO LOVES HIS MOTHER

She sat in the porch in the sunshine, As I went down the street-A woman whose hair was silver, But whose face was blossom sweet, Making me think of a garden When, in spite of the frost and snow Of bleak November weather, Late fragrant lilies blow.

I heard a footstep behind me. And the sound of a merry laugh, And I knew the heart it came from Would be like a comforting staff In the time and hour of trouble Hopeful and brave and strong, When we think all things go wrong

I turned at the click of the gate-

latch, And met his manly look A face like his gives me pleasure Like the page of a pleasant book. It told of a steadfast purpose, Of a brave and daring will, A face with a promise in it That God grant, the years fulfil

He went up the pathway singing; I saw the woman's eyes Grow bright with a wordless wel

come, As sunshine warms the skies Back again, sweetheart mother,' He cried, and bent to kiss The loving face uplifted For what some mothers miss.

That boy will do to depend on. I know that this is true— From lads in love with their mothers

Our bravest heroes grew. Earth's grandest hearts have been loving ones Since time and earth began;

And the boy who kisses his mother Is every inch a man. -N. Y. Catholic News.

MR. DOOLEY ON OPPORTUNITY

Opporchunity knocks at ivery man's dure wanst. On some men's dures it hammers till it breaks down th' dure, an' thin it goes in an' wakes him up if he's asleep, an' aftherward it wurrks f'r him as a night watchman. On other men's dures it knocks an' runs away, an' on th' dures iv some men it knocks an' whin they come out it hits thim over th' head with an ax. But iveryone has an opporchunity. THEIR BRAINS NEED EXERCISE

Adjutant General McCain scores the great number of mental slackers coming to light in training camps. In a letter to the president of a great military school he urges educators to give their pupils exercise in mental alertness, in quick thinking and clear speaking. His letter is an education Here are extracts from the Adjut-

ant General's letter:
"A great many men have failed at

camp because of inability to articulate clearly. A man who cannot impart his idea to his command in clear distinct language, and with sufficient volume of voice to be heard reasonably far is not qualified to give comds upon which human life de-de. * * In addition to this pende. physical disability and slouchiness is what might be termed the slouchiness of mental attitude. Many men fail * * because they have not been trained to appreciate the importance of accuracy in thinking."

HIS DEBT TO THE ARMY

Peter B. Kyne writes in the Ameri-

"I think that, of all the experieffect in shaping my destiny.

sters will tell recruiting and in teaching him this it will teach mocracy, and if after he has learned to defend his country and himself he is called upon to make practical use of his education for the benefit of posterity, he will learn tenderness and manliness and how to sacrifice

without thinking about it.
"Yes, all pacifists to the contrary notwithstanding, he will learn these things, even while killing his fellow-And if you show me a man who has been through active service and is now a pacifist and denies this and is now a pacine and the short end statement, I will take the short end of a modest bet that his record in the War Department archives will his master refused to have any further will the short end was miraculously struck blind, and his master refused to have any further hand in the matter. His suction, the feast of ourselves. For

efficient soldier. States Army is a real job with variegated details, many of them unpleasant to some natures, but none of them degrading, and the army is the finest school in the world for teaching a boy courage, self-reliance, cleanliness and efficiency."

WHO SUCCEED AND WHO FAIL

It is the men who believe stead. fastly in something in particular, who ally themselves with a great moral movement; men who have strong and vigorous convictions of

The men who go onward and up ward are resolute. They have courage. They are willing to take risks. They are ready to have responsibility. They are eager to work early and late, if only success is at the end of their toil.-Catholic Columbian.

COURTESY IN BUSINESS

Most of us realize the importance of the social graces in our leisure times, when our contact with those sense the real importance of courtesy

in business hours.

Like most conventions, politeness is but the outward expression of an underlying principle which has been found a good working basis for daily living, and, also like most conven-tions, its real importance is often lost sight of because of the very fact

than consideration for other people, and it is not necessarily founded upon any unselfish theory, but simply upon the fact that where there certain acknowledgment of the Her life was crowded with wonders. other fellow's rights as well as one's She has in obedience recorded some

city a rule that is tacitly obeyed by to the souls in purgatory, and above every one employed is that of the pleasant morning greeting. From the head of the concern to the office abbey with perfect wisdom and love and the day is started off in the right

this is the way the man who is at the head of that great concern feels about it, and he is one of the most successful men in the country:
"I believe that there is nothing

ore essential to success in any line of business than courtesy to other Friction causes more business failures than anything else in

show me any more courtesy than I rights of Church and State against show to them. I do not think my office boy has any right to place me at a disadvantage, and this he does if he is more polite than I am.-The Casket.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS SHORT SKETCH OF LIVES OF SAINTS OF THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 11 .- ST. MARTIN OF TOURS When a mere boy, Martin became a Christian catechumen against his parents' wish; and at fifteen was therefore seized by his father, a pagan soldier, and enrolled in the army. One winter's day, when stationed at Amiens, he met a beggar almost naked and frozen with cold. hath wrapped Me in this garment." can Magazine of the influence on his career of the training he received as shortly after he left the army. He The world delights to honor the man but, being driven from his home by ences and adventures I have had in the Arians, he took shelter with St. times, it is true, the honor is mismy life thus far, those I gleaned during my fourteen months in the regular army have had the most profound he was made Bishop of Tours. His But the sentiment at the bottom of it you that a year in the army will attended only by his monks, Martin quered.

teach your boy courage. It will. destroyed the heathen temples and Also, it will teach him how to die, groves, and completed by his preach of hero worship. She is not an ungroves, and completed by his preaching and miracles the conversion of the people, whence he is known as how to obey, in order that in the later battle of life he may know how to command; it will teach him de-

> NOVEMBER 12.-ST. MARTIN, POPE Roman See from A. D 649 to 655,

incurred the enmity of the Byzantine court by his energetic opposition to the Monothelite heresy, and the feast of all the saints in order to inthe Monothelite heresy, and the feast of all the saints in order to in-Exarch Olympius went so far as to endeavor to procure the assassination of the Pope as he stood at the altar in the Church of St. Mary prove him a maligner, on sick report when he wasn't in the guard-cessor had no such scruples: he cessor had no such scruples: he these saints whom we honor today house for being a dirty, careless, in- seized Martin, and conveyed him on sient soldier.

Military service in the United nople, After a three months' voyage the island of Naxos was reached. where the Pope was kept in confinement for a year, and finally ln 654 brought in chains to the imperial city. He was then banished to the Thermonder of them we wanted and talked; they were poor weak human beings like ourselves. We knew their virtues. But they have gone on, and Tauric Chersonese, where he lingered

though Stanislas was ever bright and sweet-tempered, his austerities were have saved their souls why not we? The weaklings are those who are not actuated by an inspiring purpose, who have no strong convictions on who have no strong convictions on though Stanislas was ever bright and sweet-tempered, his austerities were have saved their souls why not we? What they have done increases our hope.

NOVEMBER 13.- ST. STANISLAS KOSTKA

any subject. They have no very strong religious faith, no strong political convictions, no decided moral convictions. The drift along with the tide, easily, indifferently, always following the line of least rejectives. rmitted her clients to die without the Holy Viaticum: he devoutly appealed to her aid, and she appear vith two angels, who gave him the Sacred Host. He was cured of this illness by Our Lady herself, and was bidden by her to enter the Society of Jesus. To avoid his father's opposition, he was obliged to fly from Vienna; and, having proved his constancy by cheerfully performing the most menial offices, he was admitted to the novitiate at Rome. There he with whom we are thrown is purely lived for ten short months marked by social. But there are few of us who to his institute. He died, as he had prayed to die, on the feast of the Assumption, 1568, at the age of

NOVEMBER 15.-ST, GERTRUDE, ABBESS

Gertrude was born in the year 263, of a noble Saxon family, and posts sight of because of the very fact hat it is so obvious.

Politeness is nothing more nor less han consideration for other people, and it is not preservity founded.

Latin with purpose and she wrote less than the property of the political points and the property of Latin with unusual elegance and force; above all, she was perfect in is personal contact there must be a ence, and in all monastic observances. ef her visions, in which she traces There is nothing that will oil the wheels of the business machinery more effectively than starting the day pleasantly and courteously.

In a large business concern in the devotion to the Saints of God, boy "Good mornings" are exchanged for forty years. Her life was one of great and almost continual suffering, and her longing to be with Jesus was It may seem a little thing, that not granted till A. D. 1334, when she rning exchange of civility, but had reached her seventy-second year.

NOVEMBER 16 .- ST. EDMUND OF CANTERBURY

St. Edmund left his home at Abingdon, a boy of twelve years old, to study at Oxford, and there protected himself against many grievous temptations by a vow of chastity, and by espousing himself to Mary for life. the world, and friction is caused by the attitude of the office force to life, and as treasurer of the diocese each other and to the public. I have found that if you can get people into the habit of politeness, it is a habit rather the treasure than the treasurer that will help them over many a hard situation.

of their church. In 1234 he was raised to the see of Canterbury, 'I do not expect my office force to where he fearlessly defended the but finding himself unable to force that monarch to relinquish the liv ings which he kept vacant for the benefit of the royal coffers, Edmund retired into exile sooner than appear to connive at so foul a wrong. After two years spent in solitude and prayer, he went to his reward, and the miracles wrought at his tomb at Pontigny were so numerous that he was canonized in 1246, within four years of his death

ALL SAINTS

No need to tell us today that it is a worthy sentiment to honor our heroes. Day by day we read the list of those who have laid down their Having no money, he cut his cloak in two and gave him the half. That we thrill at those names. Every one night he saw Our Lord clothed in the is the name of a hero. The croix de half cloak, and heard Him say to the angels: "Martin, yet a catechumen, It is not a common thing. It has been created by the sentiment of succeeded in converting his mother; who has done something, the man who stands above his fellows. flock, though Christian in name, was is a natural one. It is the compulstill pagan in heart. Unarmed and sion to pick out him who has con

manifest by miracles the purity of his soul.

the centuries. The Litany of the Saints, long as it is, is but the introduction to her bede roll. She names them over one by one, she assigns to St. Martin, who occupied the them their feast days, and then as if fearful of slighting even one soul that has conquered and has attained us who so soon forget but not name

less to God. There is nothing that makes the next life so vivid to us as this feast of All Saints. It is the feast of the and to whom we pray, were they not many of them our own friends on earth, our own flesh and blood? With some of them we walked and now, thanks to a great extent to our on for four months, in sickness and starvation, till God released him by death on the 12th of November, 655.

Masses and prayers, are in Heaven, even before we have dried the eyes that wept their going from us. They are, too, our ancestors in blood as in tastly in something in particular, who ally themselves with a great moral movement; men who have strong and vigorous convictions of some kind who form the bulwarks of civilization.

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hope, a day of praise. It is a day of feesor as the redeemer of Metz, is a intercession. The doctrine of the praying man as well as a fighting Communion of Saints tells us that the saints in Heaven can help us by their prayers. Truly it ought to be to say: "I see him and I hear him a wonderful consolation to us to as when I had the honor to receive know that we can enlist the whole court of Heaven in the work of our alone, at the hour when the church

WORK OF THE NUNS

One of the characteristic traits of the Catholic nun is her retiring modesty and her dislike of publicity. The very nature of her profession demands that all her work and her thoughts be centered directly in Almighty God. At the same time, she is ever ready and willing promptly to administer to the needs of God's children, realizing that in this work

she is best showing her love for God. While a great deal has been said of the noble and self-sacrificing work of lay nurses in hospital and on battle field, very little news has been transmitted through the press to tell of the part which the Sisters are playing in the great struggle. From time to time we are told that this or that nun has been decorated for courage and fidelity to duty. These frequent references indicate to some extent the part which these holy women are upholding in the midst of

has been officially announced that there are fifteen thousand Sisters of thousands of devoted women belong-ing to other Communities who are

record. We write it not to break through the silence which religion imposes-but that the world may know that the daughters of the

patriotism. the gentle Sister from the schools must feel a pang of remorse when become converts to the Catholic they behold the silent thousands, | faith.) On one occasion a very ser shrapnel and bomb.

turns from the wars, will know.
No veteran of our Civil War but bowed in reverence before the silent | had an opportunity to hold a service. most was demanded. And all his have I had a chance to take Com life long he became her champion.
All honor to the unheraided thou-

A FIGHTING MAN OF PRAYER

sands !-St. Paul Bullefin.

An acquaintance of Marshal Foch's school days recalls in a recent issue of the Gaulois how one day, shortly after the Germans had taken the fortress of Metz from the French, while Foch was a student of the Institut Polytechnique of Metz, one of the older teachers at the college.

this moment two French cities now suffering martyrdom: Metz and Nancy. They occupy so much space whose families had for generations in the life of the new Marshal of been attendants at france! It was in Metz that Foch churches—and I was struck with prepared himself for the army. His

"After the war of 1870 Foch returned to Metz to finish his prepara-tions for the polytechnic school. His two teachers, Father La Couture, ex-cellent mathematician, and Father Saussier, former naval officer, prophesied the career which was to open for their favorite pupil.

"'You will see,' said Pere Saussier, 'that Foch will be one of those to replace the French banner over there. And he pointed with his finger at the

being done everything else matters sturdy sons of liberty-loving America little. But All Saints is not only a day of singled out by a French Jesuit proman. Of him Rene Puaux, a former officer under his command, has this of Cassel was deserted, to meditate upon his task and to seek consolation for the immense bereavement of which he never spoke."

General Foch, the man of prayer. who is directing the American boys and their Allies to victory, will, when victory for the forces of right has been won by him, return to a home he left "in the joy of a summer Sunday," as Puaux says, to find his son slain, and daughter widowed; orphaned babes "who have never known their fathers." The War has exacted heavy personal toll of this fighting man of prayer.—N. Y. Cath-

TRIBUTE TO OUR CHAPLAINS

The American Catholic army chap lain in France has made a deep impression on all who have had an opportunity to observe his work among the soldiers. Writing on the effect of the War on religion Naboth Hedin. Paris correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle, quotes a Brooklyn National An exchange now tells us that it Army officer "who at home is a Sunday school superintendent:

forces on the various battle-fronts. Its Catholic members were always thousands of devoted women below. "In our company we never had services held by the regimental chaplain, or at the French village church sacrificing themselves in the cause of You will find few Catholics neglecthumanity and religion.

With a thrill of pride we write the when about to go up into the line. ing Mass when under shell fire, or

"From a military point of view, the Catholic chaplaincy works very well. At the hours of Mass we always know where to find the majority of the Church stand side by side with her boys, whether Catholic or not. sons in the deeds of heroism and (Those who are not Catholics go with the others, because they have They who would banish the garb of nowhere else to go, and it is surpris garbed in the sacred garb of religion, ious situation was met because the sacrificing themselves in camp, in men could be reached quickly hospital, on the fields furrowed with through the chaplain. He read the hrapnel and bomb.

But the soldier ad, when he reurns from the wars, will know.

No yeterproof of the wars will know.

"For the Protestant boys we never I am an Episcopalian, and only once munion since coming to France, and that was because I happened to be in a British officers' school, where every-body attended the Sunday morning service, officers and men. The bar racks couldn't hold all." This officers' observations about

the influence of Catholic chaplains among the fighting men coincided perfectly, the Eagle correspondent says, with what he had previously heard from Protestant boys, who had learned to respect, admire, and love Catholic clergymen, working among the soldiers under fire. "It is well known," he goes on, "that several such chaplains have been decorated Father Saussier, prophesied that for bravery and heroic exploits. Foch would some day be one of those to replace the French banner on the Cathedral of Metz. In a tribute to been decorated have won, by self-Foch the writer in Le Gaulois de. sacrifice and devotion, everlasting distinction in the minds of the men 'The glory of Foch illumines at in the trenches. I recently had a prepared himself for the army. His their enthusiasm for the manly qual-father sent him to the College Saint-Clement, directed by the Jesuits. * * ship of the Catholic regimental chaplain. These boys had never before acquainted with a

Any one who has kept in touch with the day by-day chronicles of the great War knows that this tribute to our chaplains is not exceptional. From every side are coming eloquent testimonials to their wonderful de votion to religious duty and to their noble love of America and all that our nation stands for, in a word to spire of the Cathedral.

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