#### CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

Let me be a little kinder Let me be a little blinder To the faults of those about me, Let me praise a little more; Let me be when I am weary Just a little bit more cheery-Let me serve a little better Those that I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver When temptation bids me waver. Let me strive a little harder To be all that I should be; Let me be a little meeker With the brother who is weaker. Let me think more of my neighbor And a little less of me.

#### THE CATHOLIC YOUNG MAN AND HIS CHURCH

It cannot be denied that the average Catholic young man is not as conspicuous in his zeal as the average Catholic young woman. Quite frequently, it seems, the pastor of a parish has reason to praise the efforts of the young ladies' sodality, while he feels justified in rebuking the members of the young men's society. Women seem to take to religion and all that this word implies more readily than men, but there is no doubt that the Church of tially the same means to save their souls and reach heaven.

The moral standing of a parish can best be judged by the religious zeal of its male members. If the attendance of men at Mass is quite as good as the attendance of the women, if they receive the Sacraments as frequently as the women if they work as hard for the material progress of the parish, and contribute as much as the women, then we can say that such a parish has reached the highest possible stand-

The young men form an integral part of the congregation to which they belong. Unfortunately too many young men never formally join any congregation, after they have left home, and in their home parish they often seem to have no tie of affection and interest to bind That surely is an abnormal and unwholesome condition of things. As soon as a boy becomes old enough to play a part in the world, and claims consideration, he should also play his part in the activities of the parish, and consider its claims upon him.

The first thing a young man should do is to join one of the parish societies unless he have very serious reasons for not joining it. The average young man needs the average young man needs the strength and help that comes from association, and is on his part bound to lend that aid to others by joining. Every new member added to sodality means more power for good, more influence, more work, more grace. In every parish society the officers have a special amount of work, and it is often hard to find members willing to assume these burdens. That is a pity. The president of such a society has serious responsibilities, but with zeal and discretion he can do a great amount of good, and that ought to be a sufficient reward for him. The rank and file will follow a tactful and energetic leader. He must animate his associates both by his word and his example.

If a young man for some reason or other does not join a parish society, he should at least try to carry out the religious part of the program. Monthly confession and Communion is the least a young that loves his according to the confession and said: wishes to keep it unstained. these years the world makes most strenuous attacks upon the Faith and morality of the soul. An antidote is absolutely necessary if evil habits and lifelong harm is to be avoided. It is much easier to prevent the formation of such habits than to eradicate them after they have taken root. It is almost impossible for a young man that approaches the sacraments every week to fall a victim to the lures of vice in all its shapes, and monthly Communion is at least a strong aid to the same end. To receive only once a year is not sufficient for any Catholic, and certainly not for a

young man. The young men who are willing to assume the duties of ushers and other lay functionaries in the church deserve praise and credit for their The same must be said of those who perhaps with a great deal of inconvenience to themselves join the church choir or help in the performance of good amateur plays for the amusement and the benefit of the entire congregation.

It always makes a good impression if the young men of the parish do not keep shy of the priest or priests of the church. Priests are the natural friends and advisers of the young man after his parents and teachers. He should honor and respect them wherever he meets them, even those that do not belong to his own church. When a young man begins to avoid the priest, to criticise him unsparingly, he will soon also criticise the whole Church and her precepts, ceremonies and functions. A faithful Catholic functions. A faithful Catholic young man is ever willing to defend Church and her priests against the vile attacks that are so frequently made nowadays.

It is not unmanly, as so many young men seem to think, to pray, to wear a scapular, to have a pair of beads, and to take a prayerbook along to church. Most of our young

in church usefully and devoutly unless they have their prayerbook with them and use it.

All the good and great things they may hope to do some time later on when they have become older they must learn to do now. A young man that does not love his religion, does not respect the priest, is not likely to become a man, a father, who will see to it that religion is kept up in his family. Through his lukewarmness and partial apostasy he may be the cause of whole future generations falling away from the Faith with all the terrible responsibility that goes with that sin.

Let every Catholic young man do his share in parish work, material and spiritual, let him give a good example of zeal and devotion. Let him take a real heart interest in all that concerns his Church and particularly his parish. Our good Catholic young men are the hope of the Church for the future. If the Church loses them, it will lose the families and thus all.—L. M. Frederick in Truth.

## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

#### A QUEER GOBLIN

Once upon a time in the good old God was founded for the members of both sexes, and all must use essenand the wild creatures of the woods were the friends of the good and true, there lived in England a wise and great king, who was said himself to

be kin of the fairies.

It was known that a wise enchanter was his friend and often gave him advice about his kingdom.

And, though this king was so wise that his name is still known in Eng. land as that of the most wonderful king who ever ruled the Britons, he sometimes made mistakes. His name, I may as well tell you, was Arthur.

Arthur was the strongest man and the most skilful fighter in the country. Some persons said there was no one in the world like him.

But one day the great Merlin, who was his adviser, or prime minister, thought he would teach King Arthur So by means of the magic a lesson. in which he was skilled Merlin made a queer creature, all heads and arms, appear before King Arthur and dare him to a wrestling match.

Arthur smiled when he saw the figure. Perhaps his friend Merlin was in the habit of playing tricks like this on the king, for His Majesty did not seem to be in the least sur-prised and frightened by a sight odd enough to scare persons unused to such visitors out of a year's growth.

"Oh, yes; I'll wrestle with you sometime," the king said. "But not to day. I'm very busy, you see."

The next day the figure came again, but Arthur had another reason for putting it off. Arthur thought but he wasn't sure, that the

figure looked a little larger than on the day before. The next day it came back and the next and the next. Always the king had some excuse why he had not time to wrestle with the goblin, and each day it grew bigger and bigger until at last it became of such an alarmingly large size that the king felt that it would not be safe to put off the match a minute longer.

At first it looked as though the goblin might win, but Arthur would not give At last he had the goblin down and ready to say it was beaten.

## A MOTHER'S GLORY

She was small and she wore one of those rusty black dresses that seem symbolical of long distant youth, hardships, sorrows and yet the re-tention of self-respect. The men in the navy recruiting station instinc-

tively addressed her as " mother." With her was a young man, erect, clean, strong. She had but to look at that boy to tell every one he was all the world to her. One small, but toilworn hand, the finger joints like knobs, rested on his coat sleeve. The youth piloted the mother past the chief master-at-arms, past the row of recruits sitting uneasily on chairs, and through the door leading to the office of Lieut. William N. Richardson Jr. officer in charge.

Chief Yeoman McDonald sorted a pile of papers quickly and expertly. Selecting one he spread it out before the mother.

"Sign here, please," he said.
The woman seated herself. She first flexed her fingers by motions as though she were writing, but the pen point did not touch the paper. Then

she traced her name slowly. Arising, she took her big boy by the hand as though she would part with him, as men part with men. But swift as a ray of light her arms shot upward and encircled his neck and his face came down to meet hers. Their lips touched and in her eyes was the full glory of motherhood. Before she released him, she whis-

pered something to her boy.
"I will be good, mother," said the She turned, and with the glory

still in her eyes, left. She had given her boy to his country.-Detroit News.

lamb, whose fleece was white as

this lamb's fleece was. You see, it refuge in measles and mumps ere the which I was employed. Yet I never

men are not trained enough in mental prayer to be able to spend the time of Mass or other devotions and the men who take care of them of the microbe mitrailleuse.

about was early left a little orphan we might have no beloved constitution to worry about. When they hearted keepers took it out of the wrung the Magna Charafteron King. field with the other lambs and sheep

and brought it up himself.

He had a pet kitten, and soon the pet lamb and the pet kitten became great friends, playing together and cuddling close to one another for warmth when they took a nap. It

was very cute to see them.

his little friend came back and as soon as he saw her would jump about sanctioned—and signed—the Declar b-a-a-a" with delight. would go over to the plate where her and fish and seemed to enjoy it. One day when catnip was given to Kitty

time in trying to climb a tree.

When pussy took to the business of mouse and rat catching the lamb joined her in watching the mouse holes and, though never able to capture anything, seemed pleased when his friend did.

Having seen the cat trying to catch birds, the lamb amused all who saw him trying to capture a sparrow.

The lamb would crouch close to the ground and creep closer and closer to the bird, which always darted away just as he was ready to pounce down upon it.

the story of the remarkable lamb to signify that they have no head insists that it arches its back when John was something of an iconoclast angry, just like its pussycat friend.

What will happen to the lamb when it is too old to be a pet and I can but wonder that his has to go back into the field with the allusion to the eminently respectastaid and quiet sheep who live there? ble Pharisees and Sadducees as No doubt the other sheep will not a "generation of vipers" has not know what to make of it and its queer pussycat ways.

### EDITOR BRANN AND THE BIGOTS

Excerpt from Brann's Books And why, pray, am not I privileged to dilate upon the historical "colloquy between Luther and the Prince of Darkness," when worthy A. P. A.'s

complain to me of the celestial vis-ions seen by Catholic virgins? Have no right to comfort the souls of Protestants by citing the history of our great prototype as evidence that it is no sin to dream dreams and see visions? Suppose that Satan should suddenly appear to my correspond ent. Would he not be pleased to know that his visitor was eligible for A. membership-having induced Luther to counsel the assas sination of the Pope? Nay, sir; you shall not thus summarily deprive me of my occupation as counselor and consoler to the Protestant clergy. But please tell us something more about the Constitution "rather So Arthur rose, and the goblin and than dilate upon the alleged "enthe king wrestled long and furiously." deavor of the Catholics to stamp infidelity out of the public schools. State, I prithee, for the benefit of a benighted editor-who has failed to worship at the sacred shrine of Bill As the goblin rose to his feet it Traynor and absorb his patriotism said:
"Never put off a task till to-morrow that can be done as well to-day."
Then the goblin vanished and was never seen more.—Catholic News.

Transfer and absorb his patriousm from unfrocked Irish priests who apostrophize the British flag—to what kind of "foreign potentate or power all communicants of the Catholic worms of the dust." I have dissented from Catholicism also, but its priest-level the catholic levels and the catholic levels are the catholic levels are the catholic levels and the catholic levels are the catholic lev olic Church owe allegiance." some Casar or Alexander with vast armies and navies at his command? or is he a frail old man having kings and princes for his subjects in matters spiritual, yet bowing to the authority of the humblest magistrate

in matters temporal? What have religious convictions of a Catholic to do with his political allegiance? Cannot I recognize the sovereignty of Christ Jesus without getting up in the middle of the night and pulling the tail feathers out of the American eagle? Catholics regard the Pope simply as the representative on earth of One who said, "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's and unto God the things that are God's." If the Pope be eager for temporal power, and all Catholics owe him paramount allegiance in matters political as well as spiritual, why doesn't he grab Italy, France, Mexico and all the nations of South America and set up anew and greater Roman Empire? Why doesn't he take his 235,000,000 subservient janizaries and conquer the earth? If the A. P. A's be telling the truth, the Pope could blot Protestantism out of existence, subdue all political opposition and rule the world with a rod of iron! I don't mind tackling a bucking broncho, but I'm tampering with no earthquakes! As "a champion of the rights and liberties of the American people" I do not not propose to raise the "lance of warfare"

against the Pope unless he crowds And why should I, as a Protestant war on Catholicism any more than a homeopathic doctor would take a fall out of Hippocrates? It may be antiquated, but it is respectable. It constituted our only hope of salvation A LAMB AND A PUSSY

Of course you know about Mary's evolving the holiness fad, the camp bear on the devil. They have demeeting jarks, or even the blessed manded my discharge from editorial doctrine of the Anabaptists, just as positions and advocated boycotts on Well, I could not be sure how white the old-school practitioners were our newsdealers who handled papers on

have a heap to do.

The lamb I am going to tell you that but for these selfsame Catholics John they became the grandsires of the American Government. we are not altogether indebted to them for the development of our institutions; but the part played by them in our great national drama has been very important. They decreed religious liberty in the new By and by Kitty became old enough to go off by herself, while Lambie could not get out of the little yard in among the first-if not indeed the which he was kept.

He would watch anxiously until first—to move for the independence ation. They poured their treasure was not too tired they would have a game of tag before she stretched out to rest after her wanderings or he battle-field with an enthusiasm that called forth a letter of thanks from food had been placed and join her at Washington. Many prominent Caththe meal. Lambie would eat liver olics, like Baron de Kalb and Marquis de Lefayette, crossed the sea to fight for American liberty. When all seemed lost, Catholic France sent Everything that the cat did the lamb tried to do. It took some time for him to learn that he was most to set foot as far as who goes farthest in defense of the old flag. I don't care what may be their creeds about allegiance to a foreign potentate or power"; there's the record of my Catholic countrymen-seamed with fire and sealed with blood! With that before me, it will require some thing more than prattle about nuns,

the Guy Fawkes' conspiracy engin-eered by the A. P. A.'s.

And can I not be a devout disciple of John the Baptist without approv-The keeper who has brought up the two animals together and who tells have adopted his cognomen—perhaps himself, and-like his Lord-somewhat addicted to "denunciation. can but wonder that his

frocks and "hotbeds of infidelity" to

silence the guns I have aligned upon

called forth a withering rebuke from honey-tongued A. P. A. orators. Albeit, he was somewhat addicted to "abuse," I heartily approve his creed and cheerfully commend it to those whom religious intolerance has led to depart from time-honored American principles. "Repent ye-every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." That's all there is to it-and it's enough.

I have fought the A. P. A. from its inception; not that I approve the Catholic creed, but because I approve that clause in the Constitution declares that no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States; not that I accept either Papal Infallibility or the Apostolic Succession, but because it ere a violation of the principle of liberty, equality and fraternitypolitical trinity—to circumscribe the rights of the humblest citizen because of his religious opinions. The privilege of defending my own prerogatives obligates me to sacredly respect the rights of others. If I have exhibited aught

sectarian preference" it was altogether my fault. As a citizen, I place our political Constitution above all religious creeds- the rights of life above the hopes of death. judged Protestantism and Catholicism-as political forces-people who a citizen with the utmost respect. Doubtless the Pope would place many of my articles in the Index Expurgatorius; but no Catholic priest or prelate has ever tried to deprive me of employment or to injure my business by means of that most cowardly of all un American weapons, the con-temptible boycott. Reasoning by induction, how could I avoid the conclusion that Catholicism is far more friendly than is Protestantism to in-tellectual liberty—to "freedom of speech and freedom of the press?" When I find prominent in the councils of the A. P. A. men who, for years past, have striven to suppress my pen and seal my lips for ques-tioning their theological infallibility, am I likely to look to that order for the preservation of my American prerogatives, and turn, like a wolfish hound upon those who never planned me harm? Believing—with such cogent reason—that the A. P. A. is a conspiracy against liberty of conscience, is it not my duty to war upon it to the death-to denounce its every advocate as a political Benedict Arnold, a political Judas Iscariot? And must I be careful not to wound the sensibilities of these teachers of high treason, these polity ical heretics? Should I regale them with oil of Smyrna and honey of hymettus? No; I prefer to imitate the example of Our Lord, and scourge with a whip of cords those who would make the temple of my fathers a den of thieves.

For ten years the Protestant clergy have waged unrelenting warfare upon me for presuming to exercise the American prerogative of free speech—for disagreeing with them they have denounced me with far

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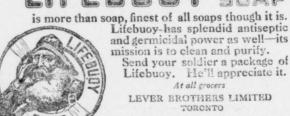
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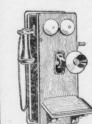
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