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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE FRIENDLY HAND

When a man ain't got a cent, an he's feeling kind o' blue, An' the clouds hang dark an' heavy an' won't let the sunshine

through, It's a great thing, O my brethren, for

your own to mind.

vanity, but I need one for my dol-

lars. Rule 10.—Don't complain if I com-

SHORT SKETCH OF LIVES OF

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

JANUARY, 21,-ST. AGNES, VIRGIN

MARTYR

St. Agnes was but twelve years old

me.

a fellow just to lay His hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

It makes a man feel curious; it

makes the teardrop start. An' you sort o' feel a flutter in the region of the heart.

You can't look up and meet his eyes; you don't know what to say, When his hand is on your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

Oh, the world's a curious compound, with its honey an' its gall.

With its care and bitter crosses; but a good world, after all. An' a good God must have made it-

least-ways that's what I say When a hand rests on my shoulder

in a friendly sort o' way. -JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

THE PRICE OF EXPERIENCE You have to pay for experience.

Some men buy it with the best ears of their lives and do not even have the melancholy satisfaction of leaving it to their heirs along with their wealth.

Other men, gifted with the power of observation and trained in methods of application, buy experience by spending their years studying what the first class of men have done, wherein they have failed and succeeded-and why.

Still other men, busy with their own affairs, buy hard earned experience of the first class by bringing to bear upon their needs the systematized knowledge of the second Which is the best way for you?

## FINDING ONESELF

We permit somany hindrances in our lives — circumstance, environ. ment, our lack of education, our poverty, all these things fetter and than death : her clothes were hamper us till we are held down to stripped off, and she had to stand in weight. Fear controls our actions. We don't dare branch out, we have a "Christ," she said, "will guard His longing to pursue some special line own." So it was. Christ showed, that appeals to us and for which we by, a miracle, the value which He We forget utterly that Nature planted Whilst the crowd turned away their longings in our hearts as guide posts eyes from the spouse of Christ, as house the leave the should have she stood exposed to view in the have carpenters who should have been musicians and we have dry who dared to gaze at the innocent goods dealers who should have been child with immodest eyes. A flash goods dealers who should have been child with immodest eyes. A flash artists. Thus we account for much of light struck him blind, and his unhappiness, much daily slavery, in accomplishing appointed tasks, all of which might have been turned to joy. It's herrible to be in the chilly grin the herrible to be in the chill to be in the chill to be in the to be in the the to be in the

It's horrible to be in the chilly grip of fear—life and hope and joy are crushed out of us and we get through with our work much as the slaves of long ago under the lash of the over-seer.

This isn't the way to work. This was never designed. It is our own cowardly natures that holds us to the uncongenial task.

WHY THEY ARE LUCKY

"Whoever can sell a book in that town is a wonder," said a salesman recently on his return from a West-ern town. "I was a week there, and took only half a dozen orders."

The following month his firm sent another man to the same town, and a high-priced book.

Now, the fellows who can take orders in any place, whether it is big or little, lively or dull, are always vonders to the fellow who doesn't make good. It's the 'wonders' who do things in the world, who are aldo things in the world, who are al-ways to the front in every enterprise

and undertaking.

his stead, and answered in his name when both were brought before Dacian, the president, during the he took thirty orders in one week for high-priced book. Vincent remained to suffer and to on the rack ; and, when he was al-

body else. Keep out of debt or keep him to cooperate with his penitent out of my shops. Rule 5.—Dishonesty is never an accident. Good men, like good women can't see temptation when they meet it.

in both soul and body by the infidel. eyes, and he recovered his sight. Rule 7.—Don't do anything here which hurts your self-respect. The great qualities, but held in bond by a stayed some few days with the dis-Rule 7 .- Don't do anything here ruling passion, was bidden by the ciples at Damascus, and began Saint to put away the cause of his sin. On his delay, Raymund asked gogues that Jesus was the Son of employee who is willing to steal for me is capable of stealing from Rule 8.-It's none of my business for leave to depart from Majorca, God. Thus a blasphemer and a since he could not live with sin. what you do at night. But if dissi-

pation affects what you do the next day, and you do half as much as I demand, you'll last half as long as others. Full of faith, Raymund world. demand, you'll last half as long as others. Full of faith, spread his cloak upon the waters, Rule 9.—Don't tell me what I'd like to hear, but what I ought to sail, made the sign of the cross and hear, I don't want a valet to my fearlessly stepped upon it. In six fearlessly stepped upon it. In six hours he was borne to Barcelona, where, gathering up his cloak dry, he stole into his monastery. The

 Rule 10.—Don't complain if 1 com-plain—if you're worth while correct-ing you're worth while keeping. I don't waste time cutting specks out of rotten apples.
 Is stole into firs monastery. The king, overcome by this miracle, be-came a sincere penitent and the dis-ciple of the Saint till his death. In 1230, Gregory IX. summoned Ray-mund to Rome, made him his con-fessor and grand penitentiary, and directed him to comple
 hem to mutual love and to hatred of heresy. When the apostate Marcion met St. Polycarp answered, "I know you for the first born of Satan." These were the words of a saint most loving and most chari-table on decompletering of the scate.

directed him to compile "The saint most loving and most chari-Decretals," a collection of the scat-table, and especially noted for his tered decisions of the Popes and Councils. Having refused the archbishopric of Tarragona, Raymund man so much. In 167, persecution found himself in 1238 chosen third broke out in Smyrna. When Polyfound himself in 1238 chosen third broke out in Smyrna. When Poly-General of his Order; which post he carp heard that his pursuers were at again succeeded in resigning, on the the door, he said, "The will of God score of his advanced age. His first be done;" and meeting them, he

when she was led to the altar of labors among the infidels, and in time, which he spent in prayer for 1256 Raymund, then eighty one, was "the Catholic Church throughout Minerva at Rome and commanded to bbey the persecuting laws of Diocle able to report that ten thousand Ser-acens had received baptism. He tian by offering incense. In the midst of the idolatrous rites she raised her hands to Christ, her received baptism. He died A. D. 1275.

JANUARY 24.-ST. TIMOTHY, BISHOP, spouse, and made the sign of the life giving cross. She did not shrink when she was bound hand and foot, MARTYR

though the gyves slipped from her young hands, and the heathens who Timothy was a convert of St. Paul. He was born at Lystra in Asia Minor-His mother was a Jewess, but his father was a pagan; and though Timothy had read the Scriptures stood around were moved to tears. The bonds were not needed for her, and she hastened gladly to the place from his childhood, he had not been circumcised as a Jew. On the arrival of St. Paul at Lystra the youthful for her, he inflicted an insult worse Timothy, with his mother and grand-mother, eagerly embraced the faith. Seven years later, when the Apostle again visited the country, the boy had grown into manhood, while his good heart, his austerities and zeal had won the esteem of all around him ; and holy men were prophesy-ing great things of the fervent youth St. Paul at once saw his fitness for the work of an evangelist. Timothy was forthwith ordained, and from that time became the constant and much-beloved fellow-worker of the Apostle. In company with St. Paul he visited the cities of Asia Minor

and Greece-at one time hastening on in front as a trusted messenger at another lingering behind to confirm in the faith some recently foundriage. But she answered, " Christ is ed church. Finally, he was made the first Bishop of Ephesus; and here he received the two epistles which bear his name, the first written from Macedonia and the cond from Rome, in which St. Paul from his prison gives vent to his longing desire to see his "dearly beloved son," if possible, once more before his death. St. Timothy him-JANUARY<sup>22.-ST.</sup> VINCENT, MARTYR self, not many years after the death of St. Paul, won his martyr's crown

Vincent was archdeacon of the Church at Saragossa. Valerian, the at Ephesus. As a child Timothy bishop, had an impediment in his delighted in reading the sacred books, speech; thus Vincent preached in and to his last hour he would re member the parting words of his spiritual father, "Attende lectioni -Apply thyseif to reading."

JANUARY 25 .- THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

First of all, he was stretched most torn asunder, Dacian, the presi-dent, asked him in mockery" how he at Tarsus, the capital of Cilicis, and was by privilege a Roman citizen, to which quality a great distinction and several exemptions were granted by the laws of the empire. He was prayed to be as he was then. It was and undertaking. The man who does the unusual thing is always the "wonder" to those whs never exert themselves to do anything above the ordinary. He is bound in a chair of red-hot iron; the marky is the the the struct the exer-outioners and goaded them on in ance of the Mosaic law, and lived up to it in the most scrupulous manner. In his zeal for the Jewish law, which he thought the cause of God, he be-bound in a chair of red-hot iron; the thought the cause of God, he be-the marky is the marky is the the most scrupulous manner. In his zeal for the Jewish law, which he thought the cause of God, he be-the thought the cause of the Mosaic law, and lived up to Pytlus on the buttle, the was assiduously exposed to every hard-but nothing could overcome his the assidue the struct of the struct of the struct of the struct of the struct the thought the cause of the struct of the struct of the struct the thought the cause of the struct the thought the cause of the struct of the ance of the Mosaic law, and lived up to it in the most scrupulous manner. assiduously exposed to every hardlard and salt were rubbed into his wounds; and amid all this he kept came a violent persecutor of the Christians. He was one of those for others. On the journey his sick who combined to murder St. Stephen, who combined to inductor by Stephen, hess increased, and it is in a reupon and in the violent persecution of the faithful which followed the martyr-exchanging his travel stained clothe a solitary dungeon, with his feet in the stocks; but the angels of Christ illuminated the darkness, and assured Vincent that he was near his triumph. His wounds were now tended to prepare him for fresh torthe high priest, he dragged the Christians out of their houses, Hings. Amen," passed to Christ. ments, and the faithful were permit-ted to gaze on his mangled body. loaded them with chains and thrust them into prison.' In the fury of his zeal he applied for a commission to They came in troops, kissed the open sores, and carried away as relics cloths dipped in his blood. Before take up all Jews at Damascus who confessed Jesus Christ, and bring the tortures could recommence, the them bound to Jerusalem, that they martyr's hour came, and he breathed might serve as examples for the others. But God was pleased to forth his soul in peace. Even the dead bodies of the saints are precious in the sight of God, and show forth in him His patience and mercy. While on his way to Damasthe hand of iniquity cannot touch them. A raven guarded the body of cus, he and his party were surround-ed by a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, and suddenly struck Vincent where it lay flung upon the earth. When it was sunk out at sea the waves cast it ashore; and his to the ground. And then a voice was heard saying, "Saul, Saul, why dost thou persecute Me?" And Saul answered, "Who art Thou, Lord?" and the voice replied, "I am Jesus, Where they does persecute." This relics are preserved to this day in the Augustinian monastery at Lis-bon, for the consolation of the

THE CATHOLIC RECORD ment a holy man named Ananias. who, laying his hands on Saul, said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, Who appared to thee on thy journey, hath sent me that thou mayest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost." Immediately the Holy Ghost." Immediately something like scales fell from Saul's chosen as one of God's principal instruments in the conversion of the

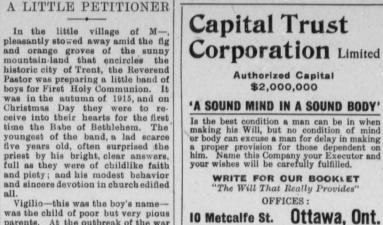
JANUARY 26 .- ST. POLYCARP, BISHOP, all MARTYR

St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, was a disciple of St. John. He wrote to the Phillipines, exhorting He his father was called to the front, where he had been kept ever since. them to mutual love and to hatred of compassion to sinners. He hated heresy, because he loved God and who art in heaven. act when set free was to resume his begged to be left alone for a little 'the Catholic Church throughout the world." He was brought to Smyrna early on Holy Saturday

and, as he entered, a voice was heard from heaven, " Polycarp be strong. When the proconsul besought him to curse Christ and go free, Polycarp answered, "Eighty-six years have I served Him, and He never did me wrong; how can I blaspheme my King and Saviour?" When he threatened him with fire, Polycarp told him this fire of his lasted but a little, while the firs prepared for the wicked lasted forever. At the stake he thanked God aloud for letting him drink of God's chalice. The fire was lighted, but it did him no hurt; so he was stabbed to the heart, and his dead body was burnt. "Then," say the writers of his acts, "we took up the bones, more precious than the richest jewels or gold, and deposited them in a fitting place, at which may God grant us to assemble with joy to celebrate the birthday of the martyr

to his life in heaven !' JANUARY 27.-ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

-St. John was born at Antioch in In order to break with a world The Monitor. which admired and courted him, he in 374 retired for six years to a neighboring mountain. Having thus acquired the art of Christian silence, he returned to Antioch, and there labored as priest, until he was or dained Bishop of Constantinople in 398. The effect of his sermons was everywhere marvellous. He was very urgent that his people should frequent the holy sacrifice, and in order to remove all excuse he abbreviated the long Liturgy until then in use. St. Nilus relates that St. John Chrysostom was want see, when the priest bag in the Holy Sacrifice, "many of the blessed ones coming down from heaven in shining garments, and with bare feet, eves intent, and bowed heads, in u stillness and silence, assisting at the consummation of the tromendous Mystery." Beloved as he was in Constantinople, his denunciations of vice made him numerous enem The great apostle Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, was born at Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia, and was he privilered a Bornan citizen to more than a reprieve. In 404 he



was the child of poor but very pious parents. At the outbreak of the war

Towards evening, when darkness had set in, the boy daily went to the village church. The priest noticed this, and, in order to observe the boy more closely, he one evening hid bahind the curtain that separates the sacristy from the sanctuary. Silently and on tiptoe Vigilio came up, knelt down just below the sanctuary lamp and began to whisper: "Our Father, Then stretching out his arms he prayed ouder and more fervently : Jesus, protect my father on the field of battle, let him soon return home unhurt. And put an end to the war,

dear Jesus, I pray Thee." Then the boy suddenly rose dragged a chair to the attar platform, scrambled up, laid his hands on the altar table and beat over to the tabernaele. "Come, dear Jesus," he whispered, "I must speak to You; come out, I must tell You something, come, come door and listened attentively. The gleam of the sanctuary lamp fell on his golden locks and illumined his boyish countenance glowing with eager expectation.

Just as he was dismounting from the chair, the priest came up. What are you doing here, my dear child ?'

Oh, Father, I wanted to call Jesus out from the tabernacle to tall Him that He should soon bring my father home from the battlefield and put an end to the war-but the Lord Jesus come out"; and the child burst into tears.

The good priest gently stroked his curley locks and, bidding him dry his tears, said: "Even though Jesus did not now come out to you, He will soon come into your heart and then

you can tell Him everything and ask Him for everything you wish."— His houses stand. Above the roofs I see a cross outlined

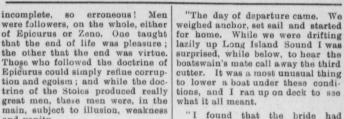
ICELAND IN CATHOLIC DAYS

For 550 years Iceland was Catho The introduction of Christian ity reads like a romance. In the harbor of Reykjavik is an island-Vithey-upon which stood an Augustinian monastery during several centuries. There were six other monasteries and two convents for women in Iceland during its Catho lic days.

Its Catholic period reached from the year 1000 to 1550. There were two episcopal sees ; that of Skalholt, in the south, with twenty-nine suc cessive incumbents; and that Holar, in the north, with twenty-two Bishe

During its Catholic period Iceland reached its highest culture. And during the same period the descend-aats of the old Vikings enjoyed not only an era of material prosperity, but what they prized higher by far their largest political freedom. The Icelander of today thinks with long. ing regret of the Catholic days of his country, and he has a feeling of reverence for the Church that fos-

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and vanity. Into a world therefore dominated olitically by Rome's empire, dominated religiously by paganism, domin-ated philosophically by the wisdom of Greece, which took on the practical turn of mind of the Latin in the Roman world, was Jesus Christ

born on Christmas night more than aineteen centuries ago.-Archbishop Hanna.

GOD'S LOVE I take my leave, with sorrow, of Him 1 love so well; I look my last upon His small and radiant prison-cell;

O happy lamp! to serve Him with never ceasing light!

O happy flame ! to tremble forever in His sight!

I leave the holy quiet for the loudly human train, And my heart that He has breathed

sorer grief can be In all the reddest depth of Hell than

banishment from Thee! But from my window as I speed across

the sleeping land I see the towns and villages wherein

against the night,

And I know that there my Lover dwells in His sacramental might.

Powers kiss His feet, Yet for me He keeps His weary watch in the turmoil of the Main 7215

street; The King of kings awaits me, whereever I may go, O who am I that He should deign to

love and serve me so? -JOYCE KILMER

ALTAR LILIES

Shrine of moonlight dim immerst. stillness that no shadow stirs, Dewy lilies, soul athirst, solitary worshippers

O fulfilled of beauty lean Nearer to humanity ; Vield your stainlessness serene. One with mortal's soul to

same hall).

in his

own words

That, ensteeped one perfumed hou In your snowy fairness, lo, Haply may the parch'd soul flower, Haply dew unknown shall know tered his beloved fatherland's spirpense -- you will stay with intellectual, political and Ne'er your chalices ye raise In vain suppliance on high, When 'neath heaven's starry gaze, it until you reach its surprising climax . . . Forth your fragrant spirits sigh ; THE CONDITION OF O or ere the moment pass. Fascinating Breathe the secret, lest the years Evermore withhold, alas ! Entertaining Illuminating AN OPEN SECRET Consummation's silent tears. Myles Mnredach" is the pen-name of Monsignor Francis Clement Kelley, the distinguished American relate. WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN -BEATRIX MOORI Back of the religion of the Roman Empire, as the empire became more organized and more cultured, was a philosophy, and philosophy was to the world a gift, the immortal gift of BOOK SHOWED THE \$1.25 Net WAY **The Catholic Record** STORY OF CONVERSION OF REV LONDON, ONT. JOHN D. WHITNEY, S. J. The recent death of Rev. John D Whitney, S. J., a former president of Georgetown University, recalls the singular circumstances of his con-Gerald de Lacey's version to the Church, says the Ave Maria. As a child, he was forbidden Daughter An Historical Romance ever to enter a hall in his native town when Catholic services were held there, his parents being strict By Anna T. Sadlier

the executive officer, who was on deck at the time, had ordered the boat lowered to rescue it. As soon as we officers learned the cause of the commotion, we smiled at the executive officer's gallantry and turned away. "The next day when we arrived in New York, the lady, Mrs. S—, left the book on the wardroom table. I was curious to see what had been the object of this remarkable rescue. I took up the book and I found it

dropped a book into the water and

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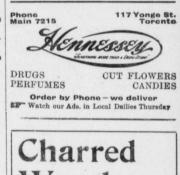
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the Church the same year, the author of the book (Rev. Dr. James Kent Stone, now Father Fidelis, of the Passionists) being his godfather. "The Invitation Heeded" has been translatupon is filled with lonely pain. O King, O Friend, O Lover ! What ed into French and doubtless other numerous conversions to the Faith .- Sacred Heart Review

> Many persuade themselves that they have no true sorrow for their sins if they do not practice many and great corporal austerities. Let us learn, nevertheless, that he does a good penance who studies to please God alone, at all times and in all things. This is a very perfect thing

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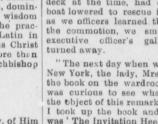


Wood By Myles Muredach

An adventure-mystery story of unusual power. You will read it with growing sus

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Dominions kneel before Him, and Sales.



of luck is usually accompanied by grit, determination, hard work, cheer-fulness, the resolution not to be downed by obstacles, the ambition to win out. The lucky man, the "won-der" is generally made up of the common, everyday virtues that char-acterized Franklin, Lincoln, George Peabody, all those who have risen head and shoulders above others in their different callings.

You generally find luck in company with the common virtues which every one can cultivate. You will never find it coupled with laziness, with the lack of ambition, with indolence. Those who lie abed late in the morning, who work when they feel like it, quit when they don't feel like it, never run across luck. But luck follows the progressive, the up to date fellow, the fellow who is will-ing to do his bit like a man. Luck has an affinity for the man who is a wonder."-Catholic Columbian.

TEN MASTERFUL RULES

A Chicago business owner has drawn up a list of rules which he

calls the Ten Commandments and posted them over his establishment. Here they are:

Born A. D. 1175, of a noble Spanish family, Raymund, at the age of twenty, taught philosophy at Bare-Rule 1.-Don't lie-it wastes my time and yours. I'm sure to catch you in the end, and that's the wrong end.

lona with marvellous success. Ten years later his rare abilities won for Rule 2.-Watch your work, not the clock. A long day's work makes a long day short and a short day's work makes my face long. him the degree of Doctor in the Uni-versity of Bologna, and many high dignities. A tender devotion to our

Rule 3.—Give me more than I expect and I'll give you more than i you expect. I can afford to increase him in middle life to renounce all you expect. I can afford to increase my profits. Rule 4.—You owe so much to your-self that you can't afford to owe any-of the Mother of Mercy instructed area in the set of th

Whom thou dost persecute." This mild expostulation of Our Redeemer,

accompanied with a powerful interior grace, cured Saul's pride, assuaged his rage, and wrought at once a total change in him. Wherefore, trembling and astonished, he cried out, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to

do ?" Our Lord ordered him to arise and to proceed on his way to the though his eyes were open, he saw nothing. He was led by hand into

to Pytius on the Euxine, a rough material well-being. ness increased, and he was warned faithful which followed the mary: faithful which followed the mary: dom of the holy deacon, Saul signal-ized himself above others. By virtue the nowar he had received from the nowar he had received from the nowar he had received from

## IRELAND AND DANTE

the Greek. No man by using reason alone has been able since the days of Greece to attain the heights that It was to a monastery founded by an Irish monk that the exiled Dante these men reached; no man since the goldan days of Greece has been able repaired to write his masterpiece in the quietude of the cloister. There was a sort of Celtic temperament in mortal. And still what did they the post himself. Ha did not deny accomplish? Cierco, the greatest of the Roman philosophers, the inmany of his enemies and some of his friends in the infernal regions. But this little manifestation of spleen the opening chapter of his book on doubtless accentuated the success that greeted his poem from the first. I can well think that it stimulated the contemporary appetite with a spice of topicality and malice.

Ireland, by the way, has always preserved the scholarly bond with preserved the scholarly bond with man's spiritual hatdres, when he pro-Dante. Among his most devoted to himself the question of students have been Irish priests and bishops. Have we not heard that a Munster prelate of outstanding fame, lately mourned by a grateful country carried Dante in his brain? Thus it should be the problem of the pro-stant devide the pro-stant devide the pro-stant devide the pro-man's spiritual hatdres, when he pro-posed to himself the question of man's immortality, he hesitated after deciding that man had a spirit, to determine whether or not that spirit was immortal. Their conception of God was vague, their idees of man's provide the pro-stant devide the pro-stant devide the pro-stant devide the pro-trained the pro-stant devide the pro-stant devide the pro-stant devide the pro-trained the pro-stant devide the pro-trained the pro-trained

"Lord, what wilt Thon have me to do ?" Our Lord ordered him to arise and to proceed on his way to the should be. The poet drew his inspir city, where he should be informed of what was expected from him. Saul, arising from the ground, found that, though his eyes were open, he saw though his eyes were open, he saw

N<sup>O</sup> Cathclic writer of fiction in English is more widely known and none more deservedly popular than the author of this book, which will probably add more to her Congregationalists (long years, after-ward, he himself said Mass in that book, which will probably add more to her fame than anything bearing her name. For the time of her story, she has chosen one of the most interesting periods in this contry's history, that immediately following the accession to the English throne of William of Conserve of the thermost her there is the But on attaining manhood he became convinced, through association with a Presbyterian friend and with a Pressystemial Friend and fellow officer on the school ship "Mercury" that the claims of the Catholic Church were at least worth consideration. How he was led to Drange, a time of bitter memories for those of the Faith, filled with deadly persecution and with giorious heroism. It is a strong, ririle story, brimful of action, and highly lramatic in parts. The love scenes are charming. Every Catholic should read it. act upon this conviction is best told

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