CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE DAY'S RESULT Is anybody happier because you

bassed his way? Does anyone remember that you spoke to him to-day This day is almost over and its toiling time is through;

Is there any one to utter kindly word of you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along, churlish sort of "howdy' then vanish in the throng? Were you selfish, pure and simple, as you rushed along the way Or is some one mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say to-night, in parting with the day that's slipping fast, That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed? Is a single heart rejoicing over what

you did or said? Does a man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead.

Did you waste the day or lose it, was it well or poorly spent? Did you leave a trail of kindness or

a scar of discontent? As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today.

-EDGAR S. GUEST DO THE HARD THINGS FIRST

Suspended above the desk of a Pittsburgh bank president is this motto; "Do the hard things first." Ten years ago he was discount clerk in the same bank. "How did you climb so fast?' I

"Tell me about it," I asked.

"There is not much to tell," he "I have long been conreplied. scious that I was not keeping up with my work; it was distasteful to me. When I opened my desk in the morning and found it covered with reminders of work to be done during the day, I became discouraged There were always plenty of com-paratively easy things to do, and these I did first, putting off the disagreeable duties as long as possible. Result: I became intellectually lazy. I felt a decreased capacity for my work. One morning I woke up. I took stock of myself to find out the trouble. Memoranda of several matters that had long needed attention stared at me from my calendar. I had been carrying them along from day to day. Inclosed in a rubber band were a number of unanswered letters which necessitated the looking up of certain information before the replies could be sent. I had tried for days to ignore their pres-

'Suddenly the thought came to me, 'I have been doing only the easy things. By postponing the disagreeable tasks, the mean, annoying, little things, my mental muscles have been allowed to grow flabby. They must get some exercise.' I took off my coat and proceeded to 'clean house.' It wasn't half as hard as I had expected. Then I took a card and wrote on it: 'Do the hard things first,' and put it where I could see it every morning. I've been doing the hard things first ever

HARD WORK SPELLS SUCCESS

Following rainbows in the form of get-rich-quick schemes is the short-cut to failure, Governor Philipp, of Wisconsin, thinks. He holds that for every plunger who scores a brilliant success there are thousands of failures among men who bank on the turn of a single card in the business world. Conservative men are the great business leaders of the

Here are a few of the governor's milestones and guideposts on "the road to success : "Find out what you want to do and

do it well. "Don't be a plunger-don't chase

rainbows--be conservative. "Don't borrow money unless you

know how you are going to pay it "There is a pay day for everything in life, and the man who fails to

keep his credit good cannot succeed. "Don't be just legally honest-be honest because you like to be square

and clean in your dealings. "Put 'pep' into your work and be game in the face of failure.

"There is no royal road to succes -success means industry honestly applied.

BE BRIEF

"There is no business so important that it cannot be told on one sheet of paper," said Cyrus W. Field. "Time is very valuable. Punctuality, honesty, and brevity are the watchwords of life. Never write a long letter. A business man has not time to read it. If you have anything to say, be brief.

Years ago, when I was laying the Atlantic cable, I had occasion to send a very important letter to England. I knew it would have to be read by the Prime Minister and by the Queen. I wrote out what I had to say. It covered several sheets of Then I went over it twenty times, eliminating words here and there, making sentences briefer, until finally I got all I had to say on one sheet of paper. Then I mailed

"In due time I received the answer. It was a satisfactory one, too; but do you think I would have fared so well if my letter had bend into various shapes, while the prelate will be welcome and heart-

covered half a dozen sheets? No, indeed. Brevity is a rare gift."— said. Catholic Columbian

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE USEFUL DIARY

The papers are telling a story of a certain nine-year-old boy who has been keeping a diary. The book was given him last Christmas by a relative, and his father had forgotter all about it until he accidently found the volume the other day. Curious to see what his small son had written in it he opened the book and found that the diary had been faithfully Here are a few of the entries "I am nine years old to day. Looked in the glass, but wiskars

ain't sproutin' yet."
"Sassed a boy. Got lickt."
"Pop borrid 10 cents for car fair, that makes \$1.15 he owes me. Won-

lickt him for it." stole my ball. Ast pop for some of my money and he gave me a nickel. I want

We feloes got up a baseball club to-day, Ime pitcher. If I had that doler 15 I could get a uniform."

Pop got paid to day and give me Mamma borrid a doler. These people are always borroin. A feloe can't save nothin'.

put my money ware car fair aint so

Got lickt again." There was more of this, but "Pop" had read enough. As a result there a conference, and now the ked.

'I lived up to that text," he interest and settle every pay day.

The boy got his "uniform."—Catho-

> A BUNCH OF WILD FLOWERS orightness into darkened lives comes to us oftener than we realize. Happy are those who are not too blind to

see them. One bright afternoon in early summer, two young girls walked quickly along a city street, each carrying a basket heaped with wild flowers. It was in the outskirts of the city, and the girls were returning from a trip to the woods and fields. As they neared a street corner, a small boy playing in the sand looked up wistfully.

flower?" he asked. One of the girls stopped involun-

"Don't give him anything, Maida," her companion urged. ably pull the flowers to pieces if you give it to him

'I don't believe he would," the ner answered. "He looks as though he'd be careful with it." So she picked out a bunch of blossoms, and handed them to the little

fellow, who smiled shyly. A few days afterwards, Maida's mother was asking her sewing woman about a sick girl, in whose care she had been much interested.

"She is better, I think," answered the seamstress, who lived in the same house with the sickgirl. "Something so nice happened to her last week She loves flowers dearly, but the family is very poor, and now the cost of her sickness makes it so much worse. It is all they can do to buy medicine for her, without paying for flowers. But one afternoon last week her little brother came home with such a lovely bunch of wild flowers. She was wild with delight, and asked him where he got them. He owned up that he had asked a lady who was coming home from the woods with a whole basketful, for them. never saw anyone so happy over a few blossoms. She had her mother change the water in the glass every day, so as to keep them fresh as long as she could, and she kent the flowers

till they were all dried up." It was not that this young woman had a better opportunity than those that come to us. But she was glad to give a bit of pleasure wherever she could, and so she did not miss the greater opportunity when it came.-True Voice.

ROBERT'S LESSON

Robert was insulted. The teacher had crowded another boy into his seat, which was plainly intended for only one. He was a new boy, and while he was neat, and could read quite as well as Robert, he had no right to take up part of his seat.

The teacher had explained that as the room was overcrowded it was necessary to put two boys in one seat. But why he should be singled out to put up with this nuisance, he could not understand. True, Tommy Turner had a seatmate, but he liked

company. Robert sat very straight and stiff in the middle of the seat, determined not to give an inch to the intruder. The new boy was crowded to the very edge of the seat, and there seemed to be no room for his books, while it was very plain that he did not like the idea of being forced in

where he was unwelcome All day Robert kept his place in the middle of the seat, though Tommy had found that his seat was really large enough for two boys to get along nicely, and he and his new chum were the best of friends.

The next morning Robert sat as straight as ever. At the close of the morning exercises Miss Brake took from her desk two tubes, the same size and shape, the one made of rubber and the other of glass. She

Then she put each into a long, narrow box that was just a little small, so small that she had to crowd to get them into it. What happened? The rubber tube bent just enough that it squeezed in nicely; but when from the editorial page of the Engplace it snapped and broke into

several pieces.
"You see what has happened," she

Brake's way of teaching the meaning of the word "rigid," for she was always doing something of this sort But Robert's face grew very seat he was very careful to see half of the seat, and was really surprised to find how much room there when the two boys worked together -True Voice.

HIDDEN TREASURES

There is always a fascination about buried treasures; be this in regard to the mineral treasure hidden in the earth by nature, or the Ast Pop about banks. I want to treasures accidentally lost or purposely concealed by man, writes

Right Rev. Bishop Busch. Treasures of a spiritual nature are likewise buried within easy reach if we but knew. There are chapters, or at least portions of our catechism arrangement is to pay 5% a week interest and settle every pay day. tion and spiritual benefit, and were we but aware of the fact, we might be tempted to dig them out for our own advantage or that of others. The chapter on the Angels is such. Opportunities for sending a ray of rightness into darkened lives comes poetry of religion. The subject of Grace is another example. If people but knew more about sanctifying grace, they would be more anxious to avoid sin and to do good.

The Cardinal virtues, Fortitude, Justice, Prudence and Temperance, how necessary they would seem particularly in our times! The necessity of temporal punishment— the possibility of satisfying for the same by indulgences and the spiritual and corporat works of mercyhow this would remedy so many of our present day social problems.

The Beatific Vision, the light of glory, the Beatitudes, the halo of tarily and put her hand into her virgins and of doctors, and perhaps many other points of Catholic doctrine are rarely touched upon either in sermons or in the instructions for the children. The principles back of each of the Ten Commandments would furnish a most up-to-date commentary on our present world problems. The sacramental grace of each of the seven sacraments would make a most fascina ting course of sermons. And thus many more instances might be mentioned to show that, as a rule, the surface of religious truth only cratched, when a more determined effort to dig would reveal wondrous treasures, and produce most gratify-

ing results. If we undertook to dig, would we find many eager to pick up the nuggets? Beginning with the new year we intend to try the experiment. In the meantime we hope to secure a full number of readers who will help to obtain the greatest possible number.-N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

THE HOMEWARD TREND AMONG ANGLICANS

We believe that the following news item marks a point of distinct advance toward Catholic unity, because it records a remarkable change of attitude on the part of more than one of the Anglican Bishops toward that most important matter, the accepted canon of the Holy Scriptures. The Very Rev. Prior Gilbert Higgins, C. R. L., writing in the Lon-

don Catholic Times, says :
"If the action of some authorities in the Church of England is calculated to discourage those who hoped that her children were steadily marching by the grace of Gcd Romewards, i. e., homewards, the action of other prelates of the Establishment should confirm Catholics, and Ransomers particularly, in their resolution to 'pray without ceasing' for the conversion of England to the faith once delivered to the saints. Intercession must not be interrupted;

prayer's grand offensive must not slacken. Signs are not lacking that indicate an improvement in mental attitude of other Church of England Bishops. They are beginning to favor some of our views on Writ. Thus in an interesting quarterly called The International Journal of Apocrypha I find that the Bishop of Manchester recommends the study of the deutero-canonical Scriptures (Wisdom, Tobias, Machabees, etc.) The Bishop of Moray goes farther. 'It is unfortunate,' he says, such a name (Apocrypha), which has a somewhat disparaging sound, should be given to deuterocanonical books of the Old Testament. I pause here for a moment, His Lordship continues, 'to request you, my reverend brethren, to take care that the Bibles placed on the lecterns of your churches contain the

ening news to those of my readers who with the Popes have so long de plored the flooding of this country God's Holy Book. On with the prayers.

she tried to crowd the glass tube into lish Church Times to the refining power of the Catholic Faith

'The chivalry of the Middle Ages, which at its best was a very beauti explained. "If the glass tube had ful thing, and even at its worst was not been so stiff and 'rigid' that it not ignoble, grew actually out of the would neither give nor take an inch Catholic religion. We have said that of space on either side, it would not the Catholic saints were models of have come to grief." courtesy. What better example Now this may have been Miss could one have of this than the letter written by St. Paul to Philemon, a 'little chef-d'oeuvre,' so Renan called it, 'of the epistolary art?' Its exquisto make it easy to remember the hard ite tact, its fine courtesy, its freedom from self-assertion, show that red, for he could see that there it was written by one who was what might be another meaning in her we mean by a gentleman in the best experiment. When he went back to sense of the word. Christian controversy has sometimes obtained a that he did not take more than his bad name for bitterness and bad manners, but a book like Newman's 'Apologia,' written in a fiery heat of anger and indignation, contains not a trace of rudeness.

Catholic Book Notes reviews very sympathetically a deeply spiritual little book entitled "The Sacred Way," by Rev. Jesse Brett, an Anglican chaplain of one of the communi ties of women in the Church of Eng The review goes on to say

"As this book, partly ascetical and partly mythical, is founded on St. Teresa, St. John of the Cross, St. Bernard, Mother Juliana of Norwich, and Father Poulian, we are not surprised that its substance and method are doctrinally sound. Main features in this rule of the Sacred Way are the fervent use of confession, recourse to a spiritual director, humility, courage, mortification, and an habitual upward look of the soul towards God. Fidelity to the guidance of the Holy Ghost and the ception of Holy Communion hold the first place in the life of advancement. The traveller is guarded against a wayward egotism by the warning of needful reliance on the external guidance of the Catholic Church. All this, coupled with devotion to the Sacred Heart and trust in the prayers of saints and ange's, admirable, and a real advance to that unity for which all are sighing.

(Italics ours.) "Our only criticism is not on any point of doctrine, practice or manner, but that these eloquent pages earnest and rich in Scripture, present at times a vagueness and lack of dog. matic theology. . . . The book is intended to meet the definite spiritual needs of many devout persons at the present hour; but it is much more than this-it is a sign of he times. (Italics ours.)

We give below a really beautiful thing which lately appeared in The American Catholic (Anglican.) It is entitled

THE GREATEST INFLUENCE OF MY LIFE

A long-drawn breath, a hand moving from brow to breast, eyes lifted for an instant before closing towards the racked Figure on the Crucifix beside the chancel, a shadowy glimmer of a patient face above a violet stole, and I sink to my knees once more in the familiar place.

Since my last appearance a month has passed, four long weeks renewed purpose and frustrated endeavor, thirty days of mingled weariness and hope. Each morning, the sign of the cross and a fresh resolve to go softly and sinlessly through just one day; each evening. the bowed head looking down in gentle reproach from my bedside crucifix, the weary plaint :

"Mary, Mother, pray for me be-

cause I have sinned. Because I have sinned: This is why I, with many others, am here today, to share the painful happiness of revealing my sins to a fellow

So the timid, sordid recital begins, —untruthfulness, presumption, un-charitableness—"Oh Father, it's all the same old things I told last time:" and still the patient face beyond the lattice remains mercifully averted, and beside the door, God in His death Agony reaches His Arms to me. So the minutes pass: disonesty, malice, despair; once I falter and pause until the reassuring whisper comes, "Go on my child." So one broken law follows another, vanity, envy, sloth; so the night grows and deepens around the wavering soul, so the horror and wretchedness of sin becomes even more lurid until I almost look to see great drops of blood oozing from the very wood of the crucifix, and the all-pervading loneliness of Gethsemane encompasses me about.

A surplice rustles in the twilight feel rather than see three fingers lifted above me: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has left power in His Church to absolve:" and the darkness begins to lift: "and by His Authority:" and the East is gray: "I absolve thee from all thy sins;" and the glory of the Resurrection Dawn is here: in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy And the Father, Son and Ghost." Holy Ghost welcome me at the very gate of Heaven.

And as Magdalene from the Garden, so the shriven penitents return to the love and service of God's world For if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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THE forthcoming celebration to commemorate the 4th centenary of Luther's "revolt" which occurs October, 1917, tend to invest the volume with a special timeliness. But, apart from tris consideration, the need has long been felt for a reliable work in English on Luther based on the best authorities and written more particularly with a view to the "man on the street". Monsignor O Hare admirably fills this want, and the book will be published at so nominal a price that those whom the subject interests may readily procure additional copies for distribution. We also beg to call your attention to the fact that this work will be an excellent addition to the mission table.

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