Do You Know

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

WHY NOT CHEER UP Why don't you smile a little bit? know you're feeling blue, But when you look at me like that u make me gloomy, too.

I know, of course, it's very hard But you are not the only one With troubles in your pack.

There's not a soul that you may meet But has some secret care, Suppose they all behaved like you! Life would be hard to bear-

If every face were dark with frowns, not an eye were bright, If every mouth just drooped and

From morning until night. So turn the corners up a bit; If Fate's unkind, deny her The chance of scoring over you; She yields if you defy her.

NEVER SAY DIE

The school of purely worldly success is alluring. It paints a rosy future in which, if one follows its maxims, he can never fail to quaff incessantly the nectar of worldly

joy.

But life is not the rosy dream which this school pictures. Life does not flow on like a song, or even lika a romantic ballad. Life's drama is full of pathetic and tragic climaxes. Its course is uneven. Its coast is full of humps and depressions.

The school of worldly success fails when success is interrupted or is not achieved in the way on which the student has set his heart. He fails. And what then! Despair? Even reason says that despair is wrong. Cynicism? The cynical smile may look smart and "initiated," but it does not seem to bring its wearer much interior joy. Is it not usually worn to attract the attention of others, to show them how well its wearer has learned by experience that the goals after which they are manfully striving are all folly? Cynicism is destructive, not con structive. Man is placed on earth to construct, not to demolish. Cynicism, self-pity and despair are no solace

Yet failure can come in the best planned lives. An able man can carefully plan for the greatest career possible in worldly affairs, but success in it may depend on many things which are not under his control. If he sets his heart on this success alone, and failure comes, where is his reward? Even if success c:owns his efforts, what does it bring him but even more worry and trouble and soliciperhaps a thousand times

In order to achieve perfect success, the losing of one's soul to find it, the man's goal must be one which is master who must be as the servant, beyond the resch of failure. Eye has not seen nor ear heard of such a some of the apparent contradictions success, one may object. True if you which in the Christian economy mean the physical eye and the bafile the pride of human reason. physical ear. But the craving is It is not, therefore, surprising, there, and refuses to be stifled. Can although it is little in accord with the it be there unless its goal indeed can ordinary laws of worldly practice, be reached? And what goal can this that God should have dealt so wonthere is the goal which the worldly nun of whom we are now hearing so school has not included in its curriculum. And no wonder that

training for life! Supreme is the girl is Marie Francoise Therese value of the vision which salvation Martin. The convent doors close of training for the winning of this great prize. Systematic daily prayer, meditation, devotion, the regular where do you find these in the school

its own purposes. With the super- calls "The Smile of Our Lady." Not her virtues, and draw lessons for our natural vision, a man has more incentive to rise and strive still more Her life, one would say, was only a valiately after he has failed and life hidden with God, and her death, is tempted to surrender to failure, to heaven. strive no more, to fall into a rut which entirely fails to satisfy him, and to try to solace himself with the cynical smile of disillusionment. With the supernatural vision, there may be disillusionment with regard regard to the most important aim of

in the systematic habits of prayer nothing, is in benediction in untold and devotion which keep one attuned hearts, to the vision which is ever beyond, Sure but which never vanishes unless we turn away our eyes! They are rare character builders. They train the will. They develop powers of concentration by forcing us to concen-trate on high things at certain tion of self have caused her to regular intervals. They train us in be spoken of and lauded wherever habits of regularity. They teach us Christ is loved. It is precisely be and St. Vincent de Paul, St. Frances on all railroads of the Kingdom to look up, not down, even though cause she fied from all worldly thunder roll and lightning flash in praise that the world is singing her terrific storms of life. They are the supreme protection against despair and even unhappiness under failure and misery. They inform us that adversity has its meaning and its use in the battle of life, and can bear Even a purchase in the battle of life, and can bear in the battle of life, and can be are in the life. our eyes to the things above.

With one's eyes ever on eternal Beyond, there can be no failure. It would be well if the school of worldly success could be converted to this fact. The School of Salvation never fails, because salva-tion is ever Beyond—beyond the petty things of time and place, which will one day vanish. Worldly failure can not touch the vision of salvation. It can convert one to it.—The Pilot.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE QUEEN OF SEASONS All is divine which the Highest has

Through the days that He wrought till the day when He stayed; Above and below, within and around, From the centre of space to its utter-

In beauty surpassing the universe smiled On the morn of its birth, like an

innocent child, Or like the rich bloom of some delicate flower; And the Father rejoiced in the work

of His power. words brighter still, and a brighter than those, And a brighter again He had made

had He chose ; And you never could name that conceivable best, To exhaust the resources the Maker

possessad. I know of one work of His Infinite Hand, Which special and singular ever must stand;

So pertect, so pure, and of gifts such a store, That even Omnipotence ne'er shall do more.

The freshness of May, and the sweetness of June, and the sweeting words: "After my death I will
and the fire of July in its passionate let fall a shower of roses," and again,

moon, Munificient August, September serene, Are together no match for my glorious Queen.

O Mary, all months and all days are thine own. In thee lasts their joyousness, when

they are gone; And we give to thee May, not because it is best. But because it comes first, and is

pledge of the rest. -CARDINAL NEWMAN THE LITTLE FLOWER OF JESUS

By John H. Fisher, S. J. We are not unaccustomed to paradoxes in God's dealing with men. The utter simplicity of His absolute truth is caught by us only in broken multiplied? Man's craving is for lights. We are not therefore, sur-perfect joy, unadulterated costacy, prised when we cannot understand; untroubled rapose in a complete we are content to believe where we paradise. Nothing on earth can cannot see. Life through death, oring him this. Can there be nothing | glory through humiliation, the blocd of martyrs and the seed of Christians, be, except eternal salvation? Ah, derfully with the youthful Carmelite

much.
A little girl enters a convent a' the ren its honor pupils fail.

What an awful omission from the Carmel of Lisieux, France, and the ever holds aloft above whatever after her, and never again does fallures may come in the battle of she look at the world. She sinks life. But it will with difficulty be into obscurity of her cloistered life kept in sight without regular habits almost as completely as it she had gone down into the grave; the vail falls over her face and never again does a stranger look upon her feaparticipation in the supernatural tures during life. The events of riches of the Church, which offers her few brief years, events which the daily wages which are to be she has recorded as her days of saved in the bank wherein no moth grace, are only twelve in number. or rust can corrupt them or thieves although her biographer has added break through and steal-these are another to the list, her entrance into the things which keep men in training for the supreme reward. And ordinary than her baptism, her First Communion and her Profession. of purely worldly success?

In omitting this highest aim of life, the worldly school defeats even life, the worldly school defeats even passing notice; this is what she try to interpret for use more clearly quite ten years pass and she dies. Without it, after a while, he only a home-going to her spouse in

on countless lips; her features, which she so carefully shielded from to temporal, earthly things, but there the gaze of men, are familiar to can be no disillusionment with numberless eyes; her virtues, that she never acknowledged even to God, are told in many tongues; and her Had English kings driven the Eldest life, though she herself counted it as Daughter of the Caurch into apos-

Surely God's ways are strange.

But what is stranger still is that the very means she took to be forgotten have been used by Providence to make her known. Her silence and make her known and obscurity and depreciations would have been impossible.

Without St. Jean of Arc we might Surely God's ways are strange. praises that the world is singing her regis, Blessed Louise de Marillac praises; her very shrinking from the notice of her fellows have brought England and Egainst apparent upon her the attention of

Such a life merits consideration. Even a passing thought discovers in

which we are familiar. Inevitably the question arises in the mind as to whether a new saint has appeared in these latter days, a saint with a gentle rebuke for our worldly wisdom and a godlike message for our godless age. That the life of Soeur Therese of Lisieux was a holy life even the most cursory scanning of the chapters of her biography will

It is, as a rule, immediately after the death of His saints that God meni-fests their holiness. His seal of approval on their lives takes the form of miracles and wonderful answers to prayer for material and spiritual help; and the occasions which He takes are generally the invocation of His servants' assistance and the application of their relics

Certainly if one reads the accounts of the very many marvelous cures, material favors and spiritual graces granted to those who have called upon her for help one cannot resist the conviction that the finger of God is pointed to her exalted sanctity. During the year 1912 a book of 128 pages was published containing duly certified accounts of 121 graces and cures obtained through her intercession; and yet the record is restricted to favors granted during the year 1911 Of course France, her native land, has been most favored; but her beneficiaries are found - as may be seen from their own signed docu ments-in places as widely separated as Australia, Ireland, Belgium, Scotland, Spair, Italy, Canada, Germany, Oceania, Africa, Hungary, Switzer-land, England, Martinique, Holland and America.

What makes all this the more re markable is that it seems to happening by the deliberate desire of The Little Flower herself. Shortly before her beautiful life came to a close she spoke the follow 'I feel that my mission is soon to begin. I will spend my heaven in doing good upon earth." God, it would appear, has granted her desire. "The Shower of Roses" has indeed begun, the sweet tokens of her kindliness are descending on every land; and they bring with touch of heaven and a spark of divine love.

THE FEAST OF ST. JOAN OF ARC

The Feast of St. Joan of Arc which fell on Surday May 8, was celebrated for the first time since her canonization a year ago. By a happy coincidence St. Joan's Feast day falls on the auniversary of her deliverance of Orleans. In France the day will be celebrated as a national holiday. Church and State will unite in honoring the memory will unite in honoring the memory and in lauding the virtues of the denied, but the centralise also very largely inspired by religious passions, and the attempt religious passions, and the attempt raised her to the altars of the Church Universal, and in liturgy, in office, and in Mass on that day, Catholics the world over will chant her praises and implore her intercession.

Time has wrought a wonderful change in the attitude of the world towards the Maid of Orleans. paraged and misunderstood by academic judges in her own and other countries. Joan of Arc was for centuries the subject of flerce contromeditation on the right hand that must cleanse those lying records with fire and must quicken them with regenerate life." What mere scholars have missed, the Church the "angel of meditation" has apprehended. She has looked within the inner sacred sanctuary where saints are fashioned and has with unerring voice declared that the Maid in shining armor is clothed with the panoply of sainthood.

Since her solemn canonization, the further edification. The lesson of St. Joan's life is clear. She stands forth as the Saviour of France, the This was all. And yet a decade has scarcely passed before she is known to all the world; her name, which she hesself tried to form. the marketplace of Rouen, schism and heresy in the person of Henry VIII. of England would have been seated a century later upon the throne of Clovis, Charlemagne, and St. Louis. tasy, as they drove England into heresy, one of the strongest bulwarks of Roman Catholicism against the effluvium of the so called Reforma-

Without St. Joan of Arc we might and St. Vincent de Paul, St. Frances de Chantal and St. John Francis tion, "This soil is the soil of France;

greater fruit than earthly pleasure. it something akin to the Gospel hody of Joan of Arc a flaming spirit tickets with a reduction of 50% is paradox, something that points to has issued. It nerved the arm and accordance with the indications con fired the courage of France's soldiers is along in the card of authorization.

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during the World War ; it is reanimating the spirit of faith in the French people sinceethe War.

The dereliction of her martyrdom the maidenly quiverings against insult, the desolution of misunderstanding, were not endured in vain France and the world have seen the And from her glorious failure Joan has emerged in triumph to lead Christian hearted France back to the old inheritance of the Faith. To this we in another part of the world cannot be indifferent. Since she is the saint of patriotism for the universal church we should supplicate St. Joan to draw to her white standard now furled in Heaven the brave, the pure, and the true of all lands, that Christ may again be enthroned in the hearts of all people.-The Pilot.

> JUGO-SLAV STATE -ANTI-CATHOLIC

ASTOUNDING ASSERTION OF PARIS EDITOR (By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, April 25 .- " Serbian centralism is threatening the cohesion of the Jugo-Slav State, and this centralism is based on Orthodox and anti-Catholic radicalism." Such is the assertion made by Joseph Denais in his paper, Libre Parole, of Paris, in a series of articles on the threatened dissolution of Jugo Slavia. The salient assertions made by M. Danais in his articles are here given :

The new State, by its very constitution, is exposed to great dangers, because it is formed by three differ ent peoples. A policy of decentralization would therefore seem to promise the most satisfactory results. Frequent reports, followed by a close investigation of conditions, have, however, led to the unfortunate conviction that the new State, under a narrow sectarian Government, is betraying the hope which had been placed in it. That the contralism of the Belgrade Government is the fruit

background. While the total number of Catholics in Jugo-Slavia is practically the same as the number of Orthodox, the latter are the master; of the Government and treat Catholicism as an open enemy. They are seconded in this policy by the Freemasons, who are giving them their whole hearted support. The Minister, Pribitch-evitch, in his paper, Jutro, published intensity anti-Catholic propaganda.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS PROMOTE SCHISM Croatian Popular Party (Catholic), printed the following in its issue of February 16, without fear of contradiction :

"Our public already knows that the Belgrade Government has supplied large sums to the bishop of the Orthodox church of Dositej, to assist him in undertaking propa-ganda in favor of the schism. They are now closing the Catholic schools of the provinces of Backa and Banat and replacing the Catholic teachers

by Orthodox teachers. The Government has also offi cially and publicly racognized the Masonic lodges, which it considers as Government institutions. Minister Pribitchevitc's has already distributed several million crowns to Masonic organizations and institu tions, and the Government is now secretly distributing large sums to

support Orthodox proselytizing."
Lest the above information seem improbable, the official text of the circular letter sent to railroad chiefs in regard to the reduced rates for Zagreb Office :

Subject: Reduced railroad rates serbs, Croats and Slovenss of Jugo-Slavia, at Balgrade.

Masters. and St. Margaret Mary. Against Association. Each member of the raised her banner with the inscription. This soll is the conduct, his associates, and tell-

The subject of this circular is to be communicated to all controllers and conveyors.

The Assistant Director,

DR. KUSULIA, M. P. Zagreb, January 4, 1921.

CATHOLICS PERSECUTED The 200,000 Catholic Croats of the Banat Province, who had counted on the formal promises of religious liberty mad; by the regent Alexander at Corfu, are being treated with the utmost hostility and are denied the right of educating their children in accordance with their own ideas.
All the Catholic teachers have been forcibly replaced by Orthodox teachers. At Danovica, three Catholic priests were arrested on July 26, and at the time the articles in the Libre Perole were written, they had not yet been given a hearing. In the Banat province the gendarmes insisted on at pulating what vestments should be worn by Catholic priests celebrating Mass.

A significant illustration of the spirit of the Government and Parliament in dealing with the Catholic Church was shown on February 22, when the House Committee met to consider the framing of a constitution. When they reached article 13 which deals wih the relations of Chuich and State, the Democrate, the Government, and the Masonic party brought forward the following

proposals:
1. Catholic bishops should communicate with the Holy See only through the medium of the Minister of Cults in Balgeade.

2. It should be prohibited, as stipulated by the Kanzelparagraph of Bismarck, for any Catholic priest to grant any support, even moral, to any political or social action.

3. Property belonging to the Catholic Church should be administered by the State, while property of Orthodox and Mohammedan churches would be administered by their own boards.

A heated debate ensued, during the course of which a Croatian priest, Dr. Simrak, vigorously refuted the arguments of his adversaries, and officmed that: "It liberty and autonomy are not granted the Catholic Church as well as the Orthodox and Mussulman churches, the consolidation of the Jugo-Slav State is a chimera.

When the matter came to a vote, the first and third articles were defeated by a coalition of the Catholic. Serbian radicals, and Massulmans. but article two obtained a majority

CATHOLIC PROTEST

In the meantime, every effort is being made by government authorin Sjubljana, urges the Catholice to livies to combat Catholicism through versy. "Two ange's stand by the enter the Orthodox Chuich, assert the medium of the schools. Vigorous side of history as heraldic support ing that it is a necessary condition opposition to these measures is being side of history as heraldic supporting that it is a necessary condition ers," wrote Joan's first non Catholic apologist, Da Quincey, "the angel of research on the left hand that must read millions of dusty parchments reduction on all the railroads of the blotted with lies; and the angel of reduction on all the railroads of the production on the reduction on the reduction of the scale of the reduction of the red which states that all school children are to receive their physical training in certain gymnastic societies which The Narodna Politika, organ of the are known to be organized on strictly political and atheistic grounds, and which therefore constitute a real menace to the faith and welfare of the country.

FATHER AND SON

We have always believed that a boy's most intimate companion and best friend should be his father While amusing, it is a source of keen delight to hear the small boy bragging to his companions that his father "can lick" all the policemen, firemen, etc., in the wide world. It gives us an inkling of the position won by the father in the boy's affections and confidence. Too often does the father neglect the opportunities which affect his son's future. One editor analyzes a boy's distrust for his father in the following words:

Some fathers constantly nag, find fault, and never think of praising their sons or expressing any appreci ation of their work, even when they do it well. Yet there is nothing so Masons was subjoined. It follows: encouraging to a boy, especially if he finds it hard to do what is right, as real appreciation of his effort. This granted to the Grand Lodge of the is a tonic to youth. Boys thrive on praise. This is why most of them think more of their mothers than Circular 49, addressed to all Station their fathers—because their mothers are more considerate, more apprecia-The Minister of Railroads, by deci- tive, more affectionate, and do not sion M. G. No. 40129 of the 20th hesitate to praise them when they instant, grants a reduction of 50% on all railroads of the Kingdom to the members of the Grand Lodge traveling on the business of the who is constantly finding fault with an authorization, issued especially ing him that he will never amount for each journey by the Grand Lodge to anything. Now, what chance has tion, "This soil is the soil of France, it must remain hers forever."

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