CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

QUITTING

How much grit do you think you've Can you quit a thing you like a lot? You may talk of pluck; it's an easy

And wherever you go it is often heard.

But can you tell to a jot or guess Just how much courage you possess? Don't boast of your grit til! you've tried it out.

Nor prate to men of your courage stout.

It's bully sport and it's open fight. It will keep you busy both day and For the toughest kind of game you'll

Is to make your body obey your And you'll never know what is meant by grit
Unless there's something you've

tried to quit.

-Church Progress

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLVE

Thinking is said to be fast becoming a lost art compared with former generations, say the commentators. This in which we live, move and have our being is an unthinking one. There is so much to amuse, to draw us hither and thither, to interest for the moment, and to bore for any longer period, that limbs, eyes and ears are active—the brain idle. But that which remains long idle rusts and corrodes. This rusts and corrodes. This modern cult of dispensing with thought is responsible for much that is most to be deplored in our communities today. In the words of the late and learned Bishop J. L. Spalding. "In the world of ideas, the multitudes hesitate and are as unsettled as children who give fontestic." as children who give fantastic snapes to clouds," and yet to again

quote the same good authority," he who lives within lives with God and needs no other friend." To realize just how completely the habit of thinking—real, logical, serious thinking—is a lost art in these days of rapid transit, hurrying of crowds, eager pleasure seekers, one needs only to stand for a few minutes on the street corner of any of our large cities; watch and analyze the passing crowds; note the dress and manners of its makelisten to the inanities of its so-called conversation, and note where its units go.

And where do the crowds go To the library to spend a while in thoughtful, serious reading? To the church to rest and pray and think for even a few minutes? indeed, but to the cheap vaudeville to hear cheap banalities — to the ance, the flowery road of ease, where thought is unnecessary. And, in all this many but follow their early educational training: they know not how to think nor will they seek anything, even in the way of In this season of "good resolu-ions" a wise resolve for most of

us would be to devote a little more time each week to prevention of mental rust .- Catholic Sun.

GOOD RULES

A Baltimore man who has a large number of men employed has posted in the various departments of his establishment cards which bear the above caption and the following

you in the end, and that's the wrong end.

Watch your work, not

Dishonesty is never an accident. Good men, like good to thoughtlessness. women, can't see temptation when they meet it

Rule 6. Mind your own business, and in time you will have a business of your own to mind.

Rule 7. Don't do anything here which hurts your self-respect. The employee who is willing to steal for me is capable of stealing from me.

A famous Jesuit missionary had just concluded a successful mission, and was walking up and down the playform of a European railway station, awaiting the arrival of a train to convey him home. On the same platform stood several well.

There is a man, rough and rude same platform stood several well-dressed atheists, intently observing Same platform stood several well-dressed atheists, intently observing dressed atheists, intently observing him, and among themselves exchanging derisive remarks about him. Wait one moment," said one of them, "I will have a little fun out, of him; I will give him a nut to creek." Courteously approaching the Jesuit, he bowed and said: "Pardon me, reverend sir; I have always heard that the Jesuits are very knowing men. Therefore I am very knowing men. Therefore I am very knowing men. Therefore I am to bold as to ask you if you can tell me why it is that my head of hair is yet all black, whilst my beard, as you see, is white." Now see disconcerted, the Jesuit answered as courteously, but in a tone of voice easily heard by all upon the platform: "The reason, sir, is self-evident; in your lifetime you wave exercised your mouth more than your brains." There is a brilliant and popular preacher who feigned illness when more than your brains." There is a brilliant and popular preacher who feigned illness when and quit. you have exercised your mouth more than your brains." The laughter of the waiting passengers was not suppressed, and happily for the crest-fallen atheist, the train just then came along. — Catholic Bulletin

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER kneel all alone near the altar. Alone, do I say? Christ is there, And mute, pleading voices of thou-

Join mine in its suppliant prayer. For mine is a prayer begging

mercy; I pray here in sin covered shame the Christ Child on this altar.

Scarce daring to utter His name. 'Sweet Babe," on my lips say in pleading, Oh, name to His mother's heart

dear! "Have mercy," I keep on repeating Till sure that the Christ Child will

'Forgive all the past, the omissions, The faltering of world weary feet, The failures and falls, the forget-

tings, The human transgressions complete. 'O Christ in the Bethlehem stable, Is Thy mercy less strange than my

I knock at Thy heart craving entrance;

Is there no room in Thy inn? 'I lay at Thy feet my sad burden, A year that was once fair to see; The blots on it beg for Thy mercy And love and compassion, all three

'Fair intents were mine, but my purpose, My resolves lie dead on their bier; O Christ, in Thy love make me

stronger
That I fail not this coming new

AN INDIAN'S MEMORY

The most retentive memory in America is said to belong to a native movie, where no effort even to be amused is necessary, and to see often some picture suggestive of the lower things of life. The crowds seek ever the path of least resistance let the flowery road of one of much value in carrying long.

America is said to belong to a native days. Emperor Constantine and Bishop Hosius of Cordova, legate of Pope Sylvester, were present with 318 Bishops in attendance. Drew up the Nicene Creed, defining was of much value in carrying long messages, observing positions or checking supplies, according to an Indian Bureau report.

When he was in camp he could call off a regimental roster and catamusement, that requires the effort. alogue every item of equipment without any note or memorandum. On one occasion, after making a full report of observations to the extent of a thousand items or more, he repeated the full text of a ecture he had heard the night before. This was in the presence of the lecturer himself and was pronounced perfect -Catholic Bulletin.

GRATITUDE

There are few things in the world which wound us so deeply as the Rule 1. Don't lie; it wastes my feeling that we are ignored by our time and yours. I am sure to catch fellow creatures, that we are looked over or passed by. We all appreciate little attentions, and yet it is marvellous how few people properly the clock. A long day's work makes recognize attention when it is the clock. Along day swork makes a long day swork, and a day's short work makes my face long.

Rule 3. Give me more than I expect, and I'll pay you more than only right that they should belong you expect. I can afford to increase to us. Sometimes an imaginary your pay if you increase my profits. feeling of superiority, either mental Rule 4. You owe so much to yourself that you can't afford to owe anybody else. Keep out of debt or keep out of my shops. edged, the remissness is merely due

Nothing in the world is so discouraging, in extending a courtesy, as to feel that the thought which inspired it, or the trouble it costs, is taken for granted, and not considered worth acknowledgment. This is to be noticed in many ways, especially in regard to little things. Some people seem to think that Between 300 and 367 Bishops gratitude is only called for when the attended. Regulated veneration of

There is a man, rough and rude in manner and appearance, who, for many months has received and paid

preacher who feigned illness when called upon to officiate at a wedding in order that a brother minister, who was in dire need. might receive

There is a schoolboy, robust and full of life, who pretends that he doesn't like candy so that his crippled brother may have a double

There is a young teacher, talented and cultured, who asked a poor and lonely, but very sensitive, blind woman for permission to read to her an hour, each afternoon. for an hour, each afternoon. "I am developing my voice," she said, "and I can read better when some one is listening." This hour is the only bright spot in the black night of this woman's life, and the belief that she is rendering a helpful service to the reader lends such an importance to each poor day that the specks of it constantly and she speaks of it constantly and proudly.

Oh, you glorious pretender! Were I tempted to lose faith in humankind, the precious thing that I see concealed in your hearts would make such a course quite impossible. Surely sin is fighting a losing battle in a world where people are so much better than they seem to be !-- Christian Standard.

FORMER ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

In all there have been twenty general or Ecumencial Councils of the Church such as it has been suggested by the Pope may be held in 1925. The first was the Council of Nicea in the time of the Emperor phantfrom the early ages of persecu-tion. The last was the Council of tion. The last was the Council of the Vatican, convened in 1869 which was still in session when it was interrupted by the fall of the Temporal Power of the Papacy in 1870. It was prorogued indefinitely by the Pope and has never been reassem-

bled. The general councils were:
First Ecumenical Council, or
Council of Nicea. Convened 325
and lasted two months and twelve Drew up the Nicene Creed, defining Divinity of the Son of God, against Arius, and fixed the date of Easter. Second Ecumenical Council or

First General Council of Constantinople. Convened 381 under Pope Damasus and Emperor Theodosius I. Attended by 150 Bishops. Defined Divinity of the Holy Ghost, adding to the Nicene Creed the 'qui simul adoratur' and all

that follows. Third Ecumenical Council Council of Ephesus. Convened 431, presided over by St. Cyril of Alexander, legate of Pope Celestine I. Over 200 Bishops present. Defined true unity of Christ, declared Mary the Mother of God, and

renewed condemnation of Pelagius.
Fourth Ecumenical Council or Council of Chalcedon (451.) Under Cope Leo the Great and Emperor Marcian, 150 Bishops present. Defined two natures in Christ and excommunicated Eutyches who

taught contrary. Fifth Ecumenical Council or Second General Council of Convalidity of first four general coun-

Sixth Ecumenical or Third Council of cil of Constantinople (680-681), Pope Agatho, Emperor Constantine Pogonatus, Patriarchs of Constantinople, and Antioch and 174 bishops, attended. Put an end to Monothel-

Rule 9. Don't tell me what I'd like to hear, but what I ought to hear. I don't need a valet to my vanity, but I need one for my dollars.

Rule 10. Don't kick if I kick. If you're worth while correcting, you're worth while correcting. You're worth while keeping. I don't waste time cutting specks out of rotten apples.

A POINTED REBUKE

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matter how trivial it may be, is meant as a politeness, and ought as such to be suitably acknowledged, even at a little inconvenience to ourselves.—Southern Cross.

GLORIOUS PRETENDERS

NINTH Ecumenical of First Council of the Lateran (1123). Under Pope Callistus II. About 900 Bishops and Abbots present. Abolished right of investiture by lay rulers and dealt with church discipline and recovery of the Holy Land.

Tenth Ecumenical or Second Council of the Lateran (1139. Under Pope Innocent II. and Emperor Conrad. About 1,000 prelates present. Its object was to put an end to teachings of Arnold of Brescia.

Eleventh Ecumenical or Third Council of the Lateran (1179 Under Pope Alexander III. and Emperor Frederick I., attended by 302 Bishops. Condemned Albigenses and Walderness.

Twelfth Ecumenical or Fourth Council of the Lateran (1215), Under Pope Innocent III. Marks Under Pope Innocent III. Marks, culminating point of ecclesiastical life and papal power in Middle Ages. Patriarchs of Constantinople and Jerusalem, 71 Archbishops, 412 Bishops, 800 Abbots, the Primate of the Maronites, and St. Dominic, present. Published 70 reformatory decrees and an en-larged creed against the Albi-

Thirteenth Ecumenical or First General Council of Lyons (1245). Innocent IV. presided; Patriarchs of Constantinople, Antioch, and Venice, Emperor Baldwin II. of the East, and St. Louis, King of France, present. Council deposed the Em-peror Frederick II. and ordered a new Crusade under St. Louis.

Fourteenth Ecumenical Council. Convened at Lyons in 1274 by Pope Gregory X. Patriarchs of Antioch and Constantinople, 15 Cardinals, 500 Bishops, and more than 1,000 other dignitaries present. Effected temporary union with the Greek Church. Added the word "filioque" to the symbol of Constantinople, sought means to recover Palestine, and laid down rules for papal elec-

Fifteenth Ecumenical Council 1311-1313 at Vienna, France. Called by Clement V., first of the Avignon Popes. Patriarchs of Antioch and Alexandria, 300 bishops (some authorities say 114) King Philip IV. of France, Edward II. of England and James II. of Aragon, attended. Dealt with crimes imputed to Knights Templars, Fraticelli, Beghards, and Beguines, reformation of the clergy and the teaching of Oriental

languages. Sixteenth Ecumenical or the Council of Constance (1414-1418). Held during the Great Schism of the West and became legitimate only after Gregory XII. formally convoked it. Council ended the schism by securing election of Martin V. Was ecumenical only as Constantine, when the infant Martin V. Was ecumenical only as Church had just emerged trium to latter sessions and such acts of earlier sessions as were approved by Pope Martin V.

Seventeenth Ecumenical or the Council of Basle (1431,) afterwards Florence (1439). Effected a short-lived union with the Greek Church the Greeks accepting the council's interpretation of controversial points. Ecumenical only in so far as approved by Eugene IV.

and about eighty archbishops and bishops took part. Decrees chiefly disciplinary. Planned new Crusade which was frustrated by revolt of Luther.

Nineteenth Ecumenical Council of Trent. Lasted eighteen years (1545-1563) under five Popes: Paul III., Julius III., Marcellus II., Paul IV., and Pius IV.. and under the Emperors Charles V. and Ferdi Was convoked to examine and condemn the errors of Luthe other Reformers. longest, issued most reformatory and dogmatic decrees, and produced most beneficial results of the councils. Was attended by Cardinal Legates of the Holy See, 3 Patriarchs, 33 Archbishops, 235 Bishops, 7 Abbots, 7 Generals of monastic orders, and 160 Doctors of

Divinity.
Twentieth Ecumenical Council, summoned by Pius IX., met at the Vatics December 8, 1869 and lasted until July 18, 1870 when it was adjourned and never reassemstantinople (688). Under Pope bled. Is still unfinished. In Vigilius and Emperor Justinian I., all 803 ecclesiastical dignitaries attended. Council decreed the doctrigen and others and confirmed trine of the Infallioility of the Pope bled. Is still unfinished. In all 803 ecclesiastical dignitaries attended. Council decreed the docwhen speaking ex-Cathedra matters of faith or morals.

MIDNIGHT MASS BROADCASTED

St. Louis, Dec. 26.-While the sm defining two wills in c...

Seventh Ecumenical Council or Second Council of Nicea (787). Convoked by Emperor Constantine VI. and his mother Irene. Presided and his mother Irene. Presided and his mother Irene. Bishops

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St. Louis, or Old Cathedral, at Third Streets, which is mother to the congregations, seemingly, app. Congregations, app. Congregations, seemingly, app. Congregations, High Masses at midnight Christmas me is capable of stealing from me. Rule 8. It's none of my business what you do at night. But if dissipation affects what you do half as much as I demand, you'll last half as long as you hoped.

Some people seem to think that gratitude is only called for when the coursely is one of magnitude, whereas very often a little kindness costs more personal effort than greater ones. It is the little courtes of life which we are prone to be detailed. Regulated veneration of attended. Regulated veneration of the courted at the Church of attended. Regulated veneration of the courted at the Church of attended. Regulated veneration of the courted attended. Regulated vener

other, great dexterity was needed quickly to switch from one microphone to the other so as to avoid an oss or pause in transmitting the different portions of the service. Everything, including the intoning of the various parts of the Mass, reading of the Epistle and Gospel sermon, choir music, with the solos, went out with clearness and was distinctly heard by possessors radiographs.

The tation operators have been highly praised, it is said, by clergy and laity. Some Catholics, by the way, are asking whether one can hear Mass by radio and fulfill the requirements of the Church. The ruling on this probably would be that only the sick and otherwise disabled would have the privilege.

DECISION AGAINST TAX EXEMPTION

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Home property of the Poor Clares was held not to be exempt from taxation in a decision of the Illinois Supreme Court, affirming a decision of the lower court. The property in question is at Rockford, Ill. The decision of the Supreme Court, read by Justice James W. Cartwright, holds:

"The nuns have no relation, near or remote, to the public, but are separated and secluded from the world and are not in any manner connected with public worship, religious instruction or public religious observance.

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