

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE HAPPIEST HEART

The happiest heart is simple, None dares to call it wise; It sees the beauty of its life With frank and truthful eyes; It has a knack of loving, It has a trustful way— Oh, what a foolish heart is this, The worldlier people say!

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

Let friendship be founded and maintained in the love of God, and they will be lasting, proof against any difficulty that may arise; they will also be most controlling and safe. Not many true friends come in a lifetime, and young persons ought to discriminate and sort carefully all candidates for their affection, and cherish fondly those that are thus judiciously chosen. There are some persons who seem made for one another; they exhibit such mutually sympathetic natures; their characters are so similar. Loyalty to such friends is a lofty virtue. I speak not here of the simple love of charity which we must have for all men; but of that spiritual friendship, by which two, three, or more souls communicate one to another their devotion and spiritual affection and make ourselves all but one spirit. To be a real friend is worthy high endeavor, for faith, truth, tenderness, courage and loyalty bring one close to the Kingdom of Heaven.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

SOMEWHERE

Take Thou my hand! this is my hour of need, The night is here and where my path may lead I know not, Lord! Yet I know I need not care, If Thou dost lead, 'twill end in light somewhere.

THE SILVER MADONNA

Majestic yet serenely sweet in mien the Virgin held in her arms the Divine Child. It was a goldsmith's masterpiece. And this marvelous statue was the property of an atheist, an antiquary, who valued it only for its artistic beauty. Little Lucille, the antiquary's niece discovered the silver statue among the curios on her uncle's shelves. "Tell me, uncle," she said, "if you do not love our Blessed Mother, why do you have her statue? And, since you have it, why not put it in your room and say your prayers before it every night?"

BECAUSE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The heroism of Catholic lives is one of the standing miracles God has deigned to give a fallen world. Explain it you cannot, unless you know that love of God which brought Him and still brings Him to our altars. Catholicism is the biggest riddle of the world as long as the consecrated Host is merely bread to it.

A PARALLEL

Some people think that prohibition implies an unjustifiable interference with personal liberty. In their indignation they hurl invectives of every sort at the head of the fanatics—the movement—who by speeches and writings and organizing of forces lead momentum to the cause of prohibition. Now we ask, are prohibitionists really the final explanation of the prohibition movement?

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FORGET IT

It's over now. It's done. Forget it! Don't forever be raking it up, thinking it over, wishing you had done differently. Forget it! What's done, done. It's down in the bottomless pit of the past. Let it be! Look ahead, not behind! Think of tomorrow, not yesterday! You can make something of tomorrow; yesterday is beyond recall. Yesterday's as dead as a door nail, as lifeless as a brick, as hopeless as unchangeable as wood. Turn away from it! Tomorrow's alive, pregnant with beauty, radiant with power, bulging with all conceivable possibilities. Turn to it! "Forgetting the things that are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before," is the way one of the greatest souls of earth described his attitude. For the past is death. The future is life. From the past come up the mists of despair, remorse, self contempt, which sickly o'er the thought; until the zone of purpose is loosed, and the high star is quenched in murky cloud. Forget it, woman! You've sinned. Out of your weakness you have plucked loathing, and out of your waywardness shame. But it's done. Look not back at it. Look forward, to where One stands, One who, though He be judge of all the earth says: "Go, and sin no more!" Forget it, boy! You've brought tears to the eyes of her that bore you, and anguished care to your mother, than whom none in heaven or earth has greater love. But she will think of it no more if you only come back, put your face upon her blessed knees, and let her love enfold you. Here is oblivion's widest, deepest zone, and your every offense will be drowned in it. Forget it, man! Take her back into your arms. What is love worth that cannot forgive? What is love worth that is not mightier than pride? Forget it! In the streets of heaven you will never blush to think you have forgiven too much. Forget it, wife! I know it means heartache and humiliation and dry lipped care; but climb up, climb up the steps of grandeur, till you reach

THE CATHOLIC PRIEST

We Catholics love and venerate our priests; love for the love they put into their work, and veneration for the exalted station they occupy. The priests and the congregation are warp and woof. Soon after we have drawn the first breath of life we are carried to the priest to be born again in holy baptism. He watches over our years of childhood, and when reason begins its dawn, invites us to the church, where he patiently and fatherly imparts the truths of God and holy religion, and the nature and punishment of sin, and prepares us to seek its removal in the sacrament of penance, and later tricks us, but not deceptively and in disposition for the great day of our first Communion. He brings us to the Bishop to receive the unction and graces of confirmation. When hearts and hands are to be united in nuptial bonds he is there with fervent benediction to sanctify the alliance. He is our adviser and support in darkest moments, blesses our success, joys in our joys and sorrows in our sorrows. When death threatens he is at our side with bread to strengthen us "to walk to the mountain of God," and sacred oils to comfort the passing and bids us: "Depart in the name of God who created us, in the name of the Son who redeemed us, and in the name of the Holy Ghost, who sanctified us."

TWO OFFICE GIRLS

It was on Saturday morning when Mr. Barker, manager of a large city office, employed two new office girls and told them to report for duty at 8:30 Monday. It was 8:25 when Emily Carlson, one of the two girls, stepped quietly into the office, ready for work. It was 8:35 Monday morning when Grace Hildred, the other girl, rushed breathlessly into the office and denounced the street car service in loud tones. Mr. Barker merely listened to the girl's excuse and kept his thoughts,

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