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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

PERFECT RESIGNATION There are wrongs that cannot be righted ;

There are crosses that must be

borne; There are duties that cannot be slighted ;

There are thorn-crowns that must be worn.

There are griefs that cannot find comfort, And wounds that cannot be healed;

There are sorrows so deep in the human heart. They cannot be half revealed.

But oh ! let us carry our crosses ; We carry them not alone ;

Let us tread over earth's rough places, Even as Christ has done.

Let us think of the wrongs He suf-

fered, Let us think of the cross He bore; Let us think of His weary journeys, Let us think of the crown He wore. Surely the pain and the sorrow Christ chose for Himself must be

best ; Let us follow Him, then, in the way of the cross; "Twill lead into heaven's sweet rest.

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CRITICISM

It has been said that there is no truer test of a man's qualities for permanent success than the way he permanent success than the way he takes adverse criticism. The little minded man can't stand it. It pricks his egotism. He makes excuses. Then, when he finds that excuses won't take the place of results he sulks. The big minded man on the other hand is thankful for the criticism because he under-stands that it is meant for his good. He has sense enough not to let

He has sense enough not to let his vanity interfere with anything that will help him in the important matter of self-imprisonment.

Of course it hurts to find out that you are not as good as you thought you were. But it is only by finding out that you will become better. So learn to accept honest, sincere criticism, even when it is not flattering.

Don't regret it. Appreciate it and profit accordingly. — Western World.

UNHAPPY

"No one has any more right to go through life unhappy than he has to go through it ill-bred," says Stev-enson. When we remember what the writer's own life was, and what a brave battle he made against pain and discouragement, practicing his own doctrine of good cheer to the last, it adds force to his words. He learned to find pleasure in out-ofthe-way places and to take it in bits as it came to him. The trouble with most of us is that we want our happiness in large quantities all at once, and we trample upon the little flowers of sweetness that spring all along the way. - Catholic Columbian.

WHERE HAPPINESS IS FOUND In little courtesies. In little kindnesses In pleasant words. In facing life with a smile. In making others happy. In friendly letters. In good wishes. In triendships. In the companionship of good books In helping others In healthful recreation. In a clean conscience. In doing duty cheerfully. In doing one's best, regardless of truest and best. reward.

us to learn more of them from attractive and well written vol-umes. For many they are undis-covered countries. Why not spend this vacation in getting better acquainted with some domain of literature which will be of lasting benefit and serve to open up a line of reading that will be a solace and help for years to come. There will be long days in vacation, undoubt-

help for years to come. There will be long days in vacation, undoubt-edly rainy days, when the great outdoors will be barred. Then what more entertaining than a good seri-ous book, that will fill the mind with thoughts and add new zest and inconvertion to life. inspiration to life. Success in life depends more perearthly sojourn that she took a

Success in life depends more per-haps than we think on how we use our leisure. To squander vacation days reading insipid novels may be one way of passing the time, but it is not the best way. There is always something new to be learned. Son. Our own individual lives furnish more than one example of furnish more than one example of her powerful protection and her enduring love for us. The fact that she is reigning with Our Lord some error to be corrected, and some advantage to be gained by the thoughtful reading of a good book. gloriously in heaven proves not only her Divine Son's love for her, but also her maternal affection for us, inasmuch as her mother's words of intercession cannot be unavail-

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

"THE SCHOOL OF SORROW" sat in the school of sorrow, The Master was teaching there : But my eyes were dim with weep-

-The Pilot.

like Mary, have tried their best to follow on the way which Christ pointed out. She is enjoying now the reward of all her sorrows, her ing, And my heart oppressed with care. Instead of looking upward,

And seeing His Face Divine, So full of tender compassion For weary hearts like mine. I only thought of the burden, The Cross that before me lay, The clouds that hung thick above

me.

Darkening the light of day. So I could not learn my lesson, And say, "Thy Will be done." And the Master came not near me, And the leaden hours went on.

At last in despair I lifted My streaming eyes above, And I saw the Master watching, With a look of pitying love.

Christ alone could say that union with His Will would bring peace. There is sublime self-assertiveness in His statement. If it startles it To the Cross before me He pointed, And I thought I heard Him say : 'My child, thou must take thy burden

And learn thy task today.

Not now may I tell the reason: 'Iis enough for thee to know That I, the Master, am teaching, And appoint thee all My woe.

Then kneeling, the Cross I lifted, For one glimpse of that Face Divine Had given me strength to bear it, And say: "Thy Will, not mine."

And so I learned my lesson, And through the weary years, His helping Hand sustained me, And wiped away the tears.

And ever the glorious sunlight From the heavenly home streamed down, Where the school tasks are all

ended, And the Cross is exchanged for the Crown.

KINDNESS PAYS Kindness pays. It pays because and no peace. Strange doctrine the world needs it as constantly as it needs the sunlight and the dew; and men could no more do without it needs the sunlight and the dew; and men could no more do without it than without food and water. It always pays to give the world what it really needs. needs. it really

is strength. It is not, as many suppose, a sign of weakness. It is a we are strengthened to look upon

suppose, a sign of weakness. It is a mark of that strength which is truest and best. It pays because it wins the heart. We are strengthended to took appear the strengthended and experienced by the strength comprehended by the strength com It pays because it wins the heart. There is no other such wealth as rude intellects and simple hearts. that of friendship, and there is no To make the Divine Will the measure even legitimate pleasures, thus other such friend as the friend who remembers a kindness. ure of every thought, word and deed of the past, present and future is not so difficult or unintelli-It pays because there is all too little of it abroad in the world, and gible

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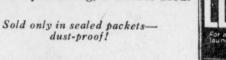


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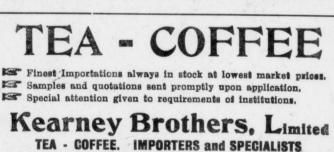


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cares, her disappointments. The cross which even she, the sinless Mother of God, was called upon to another of God, was called upon to carry has given place to a crown of unspeakable glory. The long, weary years of separation from her Son have given birth to an eternal day of union with Him. All of us who carry our crosses after Christ, who offer up to Him the little trials of onerden life men her be the

of everyday life, may look forward, like Mary, to a blessed day in the company of Christ and His saints in heaven.-The Rosary Magazine.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Assumption also intimates to

us the reward in store for all who,

is because Christ is Divine and the world does not understand His world does not understand His saying. We have heard it said and we know that the world does not we know that the world does not give peace. Christ's assertion is repeated often but it touches the hearts of few. We fancy that the conditions for gaining peace are too severe—that the yoke is not sweet or the burden light. So we drag ourselves through a weary life and die without having tasted The and die without having tasted even a little of the sweetness of Christ's truth. How is such a gift to be gained? Is it a boon reserved only for mystics or for the spiritually great? No, it is a common right of every follower of Christ. Indeed, peace of heart sits more easily woon the plain peen's more easily upon the plain peop'e who lead simple lives. Its secret lies in making the one critical act of human life—the act of absolute abandonment to the Divine Will. Uptil this act is made and becomes a permanent condition of the soul, life has very little value, less merit rich gentle of heart. It pays because in kindness there life's carping cares to vex us when Why permit

In mutual confidence. In being able to deny yourself of

in the realization that we are not all perfect, thus easily pardoning the unconscious slightings of others.

THE PROPER USE OF A VACATION

Vacation days according to all traditions are periods of recreation. It has come to be accepted that people bound on vacation shall do are trained to helpful things. no reading at all or at least no serious reading. To be in fashion one going on vacation should take with him only entertaining fiction that can be perused in hammocks, porch chairs or shady pocks. From the Example a shady pocks. From the chairs or shady nooks. From the Fourth of July until Labor Day, Fourth of July until Labor Day, book-sellers catalogues advise us, all serious reading is taboo. To read a worthwhile book while those who ride on the highest wave of fashion skim the froth of light literature would be, according to the canons of polite society, a real social error. But there are those who are old fashioned enough to disdain the dic-tates of fashion, and to prefer what

they like to what the world wants them to like. Hence we have a large percentage of vacationists who go on vacation determined to do some solid reading and clean thinking for themselves. They are the thinking few, who rise above the crowd and refuse to be blown about by every wind of fashionable doctrine

The custom of solid reading during the summer season should be encouraged. For many busy workthey can for any long period devote themselves to good books. Life is

what supply there is, is always at a premium It pays because no one is ever far becomes an habitual state of mind, from the shining way who carries a loving heart within his breast, whose lips are careful to avoid and the heart enjoys a gracious

and the neart enjoys a gracious sense of profound peace. This gift can thrive—even when the soul is disturbed by violent temptation—as the deeps of the sea may not be affected by the turbulence of its surface. If the bed rock of all action be founded in the Divine Will, the cruelty of the tempest is of little import to the soul A It pays because it knows a greater strength than that of force. It can

of little import to the soul truth such as his is very comforting

heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid." He Who has counted the It pays because it reacts on one's

hairs of our head and controls the fall of the sparrow is responsible It pays because it reacts on one s own character. Each time one remembers to be kind, one makes another reach toward the height of real kindliness. It is true that kindliness never loses its reward. It pays because it is often It pays because it is often returned with interest, and if it is our motives works harmoniously with the Divine Will. This is the never returned at all, the angels do not forget to give credit.—Selected.

"Not as the world cannot give. "Not as the world giveth do I give unto you." This doctrine is not mysticism and still less is it Quiet-ism. It does not suspend action on the part of the individual soul. It is an evanemental touth and mark ASSUMPTION DAY To the Catholic heart the brighters it is the only season in which they can for any long period devote themselves to good books. Life is too short as one sage remarked to be spent i. reading inferior books. When the classics of the ages lie unread on library shelves it seems deplorable to squander days and weeks on the lightest of light read-ing. History, biography, philosophy est day of all the summer months is the feast-day of our Blessed Lady's Assumption. It is like an oasis in

History, biography, philosophy and religion lie before us, inviting Sunday of Advent there is no great The Missionary.

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