

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

A FRIEND'S GREETING
I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me, I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be.

A "THUMBNAIL" ESSAY ON MANNERS

In one of Ralph Waldo Emerson's comprehensive essays on behavior, we read:
There is always a best way of doing everything, if it be to boil an egg.

chivalry began to practice knightly courtesy together with the exercise of arms. This was the first triumph of manners over brute force and brute instincts.

Politeness is application of the Golden Rule to the small affairs of life, and is the ethical code of the "beau monde." There is a certain intimate connection between the Ten Commandments and the rules of etiquette.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

SHORT SKETCH OF LIVES OF SAINTS OF THE WEEK
JANUARY 7.—ST. LUCIAN, MARTYR
St. Lucian was born at Samosata in Syria. Having lost his parents in his youth, he distributed all his worldly goods, of which he inherited an abundant share, to the poor, and withdrew to Edessa, to live near a holy man named Macarius, who was protected by twelve whole days.

JANUARY 9.—SS. JULIAN AND BASILISSA, MARTYRS

St. Julian and St. Basilissa, though married, lived, by mutual consent, in perpetual chastity; they sanctified themselves by the most perfect exercises of an ascetic life, and employed their revenues in relieving the poor and sick. For this purpose they converted their house into a kind of hospital, in which they sometimes entertained a thousand poor people.

JANUARY 10.—ST. WILLIAM, ARCHBISHOP

William Berrayer, of the illustrious family of the ancient Counts of Nevers, was educated by Peter the Hermit, Archbishop of Soissons, his uncle by the mother's side. From his infancy William learned to despise the folly and emptiness of the world, to abhor its pleasures, and to tremble at its dangers.

JANUARY 11.—ST. THEODOSIUS, THE APOSTLE

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JANUARY 12.—ST. AELRED, ABBOT

"One thing thou lackest." In these words God, called Aelred from the court of a royal saint, David of Scotland, to the silence of the cloister. He left the king, the companions of his youth, and a friend most dear, to obey the call. The conviction that in the world his soul was in danger alone enabled him to break such ties.

JANUARY 18.—ST. VERONICA OF MILAN

Veronica's parents were peasants of a village near Milan. From her childhood she toiled hard in the house and the field, and accomplished cheerfully every menial task. Gradually the desire for perfection grew within her; she became deaf to the jokes and songs of her companions, and sometimes, when reaping and hoeing, would hide her face and weep.

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malady, and refused to pray to be cured, calling it a salutary penance for his former successes. He died at the age of a hundred and six.

Moreover, it was our unjustifiable interference in the affairs of Mexico that made possible the unspeakable abominations of Villa and Carranza. Without question, "We have disgraced Mexico wherever we have set our seal."—America.

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shapes of more benign powers. I can't see what all the hue and cry is about, all the revivings. We couldn't match the record. We have disgraced Mexico, wherever we have set our seal. Frankly, I'm for the friars."

The reason why the author of "Diplomatic Days" is frankly "for the friars" is because she has learned from reading history that their spiritual conquest of Mexico caused the substitution of civilization for barbarism, and of Christianity for idolatry. The friars' untiring labors brought about not only the religious regeneration of the country, but its material and social betterment as well.

As Mrs. O'Shaughnessy sadly owns, we cannot match that record. On the contrary "We have disgraced Mexico wherever we have set our seal." By giving official recognition to the persecuting Government that controls a portion of Mexico, the United States would seem to have tacitly condoned all the acts of pillage, rape, murder and sacrilege which have marked the rise to power of Carranza and his associates.

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BEAUTY'S CROWN

Do you wish to be great? asks St. Augustine. Then begin by being little. Do you desire to construct a vast and lofty fabric? Think first about the foundations of humility. The higher your structure is to be the deeper must be its foundation.

The darkness we ascribe to remote ages is often the darkness of our own minds, and the ignorance we complain of in others may be only the reflection of our own.—Brownson.



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