

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

MOTHER
My happiness, my love, my all,
I speak to you dear heart, I call
Back visions sweet and blessings' dew,

When sorrow wends its way to me,
In dreams of happiness I see
You—bowed in humble prayer,
That heav'n may drive from me each care.

My heart with true devotion bleeds
For you dear heart, your noble deeds
Have made me worthy of my name,
And raised me to the highest fame.

Your power'ful love, it sanctifies
My tasks, And then your true blue eyes,
With that same love still teach me right
From wrong and bring me heav'nly light.

O spotless soul, my visions sweet
Of you bring thoughts I'd love to keep
Where all the earth could view, for man
Would change his life and earthly span.

O violet of humility,
O rose of all eternity,
No blossom of this mortal earth,
Can equal thy immortal worth.

My heart's inflamed with thy sweet face,
And time can never take the place
I've saved for you dear heart, for you,
And ev'ry day makes me think of you.

Wounds and inward grief with years
Come with my memento's fears,
And then I'm thrilled just through and through,
Mother dear, at the thought of you.

will be perfect. He must set his ideal before him, and then plan his campaign for achieving it. He must make his resolution and root out his faults, carefully nourish and develop his virtues, and gradually proceed, through all obstacles, painstakingly and perseveringly toward his ideal, letting nothing defeat him in his purpose.

Hardships have known their obstacles. Hardships were no strangers to them. It is inspiring to read of a great Saint who was by nature harsh and perhaps turbulent, but who, by grace and persistent effort against all obstacles, mastered himself and became a marvel of gentleness and holiness. He had no easy task to achieve this feat. He had to struggle with his passions. He had to struggle with his stepping stones to high sanctity. Without them, indeed, perhaps he might not have even half starved the ascent. Such a mastery of self is an example for all.

Hardships and adversities are indeed no causes for complaint. Far otherwise. They are great opportunities. They search the soul and reveal its deep springs of potentiality for good. They offer the will a great opportunity for exercise. They are battlegrounds on which to do or die. They are incentives to heroism, be the scale great or small. In fact, without them, a man can hardly "know himself" with any degree of thoroughness.

It is one thing to have talent or genius. It is another thing to translate it into achievement. And in the translation a struggle against obstacles is the rule. Great undertakings are tried by adversities. As a rule it is only petty ones which perish under them. Great souls also are tried by adversities, and it is the petty ones which surrender to them.—The Pilot.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

At home it seems to be the rule
Pa never has "the proper tool"
Or knack to fix things. For the stunt
That stumps Ma, though, you'll have to hunt.

The castor on the table leg
Fell off. Pa said a wooden peg
Would fix it up. But Ma kept mum
An' fixed it with a wad of gum.

We would scarce open our front door
It stuck so tight. An' Pa, he swore
He'd "buy a plane" as big as life—
Ma fixed it up with the carving-knife.

The bureau drawer got stuck one day,
An' push or pull, 'twas there to stay.
Said Pa, "some day 'twill shrink, I hope."
Ma fixed it with a piece of soap.

The window-shade got out of whack,
'Twould not pull down, nor yet roll back.
Pa says, "No one can fix that thing."
Ma fixed it with a piece of string.

I broke the stove door hinge one day,
('Twas cracked before though, any way.)
Pa said he'd put a new door in.
Ma grabbed her hair an' got a pin.

The bath tub drain got all clogged up,
Pa bawled the tub out with a cup—
He had a dreadful hapless look.
Ma cleaned it with a crocheted hook.

One day our old clock wouldn't start,
Pa said he'd take it all apart.
Some day an' fix the ol' machine.
Ma sussed the works in kerosene.

The garden gate latch broke one day,
Cows ate our sweet corn up, an' say,
Pa scolded like a house afire!
Ma fixed the latch up with hay wire.

So when my things get out of fix
Do I ask Pa to mend 'em? Nix!
But Ma just grabs what's near at hand
An' tugs things up to beat the band.

—Rexall Magazine

ARE YOU LIKE THIS?

"Yes, she's a bright little girl, an excellent stenographer, and she gets through more work than any one I have ever had in my employ, but she has an unhappy faculty for keeping every one around stirred up. She has a sharp tongue and she doesn't hesitate to use it. While she was here, every other day or so one of the girls would have a crying spell. Something Miss Gray had said had hurt her feelings. One good worker left us just as our annual rush was beginning because of an unkind remark Miss Gray made to her. Even on the days when nothing happened you could feel the tenacity as soon as you stepped into the office. It was like working over a volcano. And when at length she left us and a worker much her inferior, took her place, it seemed as if the dove of peace had come back to the office."

The young woman described is not an exceptional case. There are innumerable competent workers who are handicapped by their inability to get along with others. Wherever they go, friction and strife result. The atmosphere about them is always electrically charged. The girl who is ambitious to be successful in the business world should remember that in addition to ability and training, she will find tact, poise and kindness essential. The people who cannot work harmoniously with others are not likely to get very far.—Catholic Bulletin.

CHARMING GIRLS

Is this the truly modern girl that we have amongst us—the one with

the "bobbed hair," short skirts, with lip stick and rouge in abundance? I hardly think so, for no respectable girl can afford to resort to such immodest means to gain the attention of the world. It is rather the girl who is up to do something, the one that can say "no" to anything that would mean her regret in after years. And is this outward show to be compared with the true lady in her? They are incomparable, but it seems that the more evil of the two is predominant today, and if the so-called "doll" thinks she is the modern girl, she is quite mistaken.

You will often notice on any public thoroughfare the absolute absence of anything that pertains to gentleness either of speech or manner. The loud laughter of girls on the street car always attracts attention. If only some of the comments made in the back seat could reach their ears. Nothing is sweeter than the merry laugh of a group of girls and why must they stoop themselves by this boisterous display? Another thing that comes under notice is the craze for all forms of immodest dance that should be barred from dance halls and homes. Dancing is a permissible diversion in wholesome environments but, why must the more modest dances be overshadowed by these so-called "fancy steps" which for the most part originate in the lower strata of large cities. And how many would sing some so-called popular songs did they know the character of the people who wrote them. Girls nowadays, unfortunately, do many things that their grandmothers would have regarded as extremely "unsightly."

Catholic young women ought to keep as far away as possible from all that is of this class and thus insure themselves against all harm.—The Echo.

THE CHURCH IN PUBLIC LIFE

Considering the tremendous moral power which the Church wields, one might be inclined to think that her action in public life is rather inconspicuous. Of all the moral forces and agencies that are upbuilding the public life of the community, the Church is the least obtrusive. But that does not mean that her influence

is not great. Her work is always going on. She lifts men to higher levels of morality day after day, with never tiring persistence. She does not pull them up with mechanical violence; but when she has gently raised them after patient years of toil, she knows that they are able to stand and to maintain the level of goodness which they have laboriously achieved.—Catholic Standard and Times.

"GOD BLESS OUR SISTERS"

All too easily do we Catholics take as a matter of course some of the most extraordinary manifestations of the power of religion among us. We so often forget how much of the good that is going on about us in the Church, and that steadily accrues to the benefit of succeeding generations of Catholics, is made possible only by great and brave sacrifices. How wonderful is the religion in which we grow accustomed to such a nobility of soul and loving power of perseverance as mark the lives of our Catholic Sisters. Not only a sense of gratitude and appreciation should turn our thoughts to their faithful work, but a real source of inspiration, of encouragement and helpfulness will be found in a frequent consideration of their patient and beautiful lives. The true Catholic instinctively holds in high honor and loving reverence the very garb that indicates the woman consecrated to God's work. All his civility of soul is stirred at any belittling of her sacred character. The convent that is her parish home has a share in his loving recognition of her worth. There is no appeal made in her name to further her work that does not have the whole-hearted welcome and support of our Catholic people. These things are part of our Catholic heritage.

The sum total, however, of the great work of the Sisterhoods—how seldom is it fully appreciated; the thousands of souls instructed in religious belief and practice; the sick that are nursed to health or soothed to a holy death in an atmosphere redolent of the love of Jesus; the spiritually weak housed in homes of virtue; the wayward won to paths of safety; the aged sheltered from an unsparring world. What a debt of gratitude we owe our Sisters!

But apart from this marvelous fruitfulness of their united work is the lesson for the individual Catholic of the virtuous example of every Sister's life. That great total of achievement is measured by the selfishness of the individual run. Patience, self denial, privation of so many legitimate sources of happiness, the stilling of the call of natural affection, and, under all, motive of all, close union with the Heart of Jesus—how all these beautiful qualities suggest better ways and nobler standards for us who see these excellent fruits of divine grace round about us every day. How our hearts should be grateful, therefore, for the good our Sisters do; and how our lives should be ennobled by such lives lived right among us in our parishes; and how truly may we say with grateful hearts made better by their example, "God bless our Sisters."—Catholic Standard and Times.

DELINQUENT PARENTS

Responsibility of parents for their children's proper training was emphasized by Judge McGeehan of New York in commenting recently on the report of the Probation and Protective Association of that city. Judge McGeehan believes that careless parents are largely to blame for delinquency in children. He has had wide experience in the women's court in New York, and when he declares that careless mothers are to blame for the delinquency of so

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Her battle is with the refractory forces of the human heart. It is a silent and a grim battle. She does not call in external forces to assist her, for she knows that they avail nothing and that they can never reach the true seat of the evil. And, because her action is not external therefore, it is less conspicuous and less noticeable. She does not court ridicule and bring odium upon religion by invoking the restraining power of the police in making men good. Repression by force creates resistance and ill will. Patience wins the will and conquers the heart. All other triumphs are not worth while. The Church scorns them. Hence, the absence of aggression in her methods. Not the Church merits the reproach of countending the spiritual power with the temporal or of using temporal means for the attainment of spiritual ends.

The secret of her success is her steady devotion to the spiritual and her wonderful patience with the frailties of man. Her work is always going on. She lifts men to higher levels of morality day after day, with never tiring persistence. She does not pull them up with mechanical violence; but when she has gently raised them after patient years of toil, she knows that they are able to stand and to maintain the level of goodness which they have laboriously achieved.—Catholic Standard and Times.

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