

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

SONG OF LIFE

A traveler on a dusty road Strewed acorns on the lea; And one took root and sprouted up, And grew into a tree.

A nameless man, amid the crowd, That thronged the daily mart, Let fall a word of hope and love, Unstudied from the heart.

FAITHFULNESS

The person who is guided by faithfulness has a sense of responsibility for the use of his talents, and acts according to his convictions, never breaking his promise nor neglecting his engagements.

WHAT PERSEVERANCE WILL DO

Hallo! was the sum total of Ionel Monteanu's vocabulary when he came to Akron one year ago.

Today, according to Professor W. Don Harrison, instructor in English composition and journalism at the University of Akron, Monteanu writes the best English composition in his class.

Monteanu was born in Rumania, twenty years ago. He came to this country from the University of Klausenberg to study engineering and English.

When the vessel neared New York Ionel's heart was glad. The magnificent buildings, the endless thoroughfares, the bustling mob, all thrilled him, but alas! he was hungry and he didn't know how to say it.

Right then and there Monteanu realized the necessity for learning quickly to speak English. He listened attentively to what seemed to him a discouraging babble.

Later on he found out their meanings. As soon as he learned the meaning of a word he immediately put it into working order.

YOUR VACATION

The June sunshine is ushering in another Summer, and another vacation season, to a tired and expectant people. In the great cities millions of workers with hand and brain are looking forward to a few days or weeks of physical or mental relaxation.

time for rest and play and rejuvenation of health.

You are already giving your vacation some thought. You are consulting tourist folders, planning parties, making reservations. You want your vacation to be a success.

You want your vacation to be a success, and so, remembering that whatever time is not spent in the service of God is lost forever, you will see to it that God is not neglected.

You want your vacation to be a success. You will avoid, therefore, places which are malarial, where the drinking water is impure, where the accommodations are crowded and unsanitary.

You will find some who literally insist on "killing time" for this world and for eternity. Your conscience and your conviction that the Decalogue binds as firmly in July as in December will enable you to tear off the specious marks of so-called good times.

You want your vacation to be a success. Then with your golf and tennis, swimming and riding, try always to be what you really wish to appear. Act the Catholic gentleman, away from home, as meticulously as you would conduct yourself at your own fireside.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

"REMEMBER ME"

When life seems long and days are dark and dreary, When you seek in vain from trials your heart to free;

When all around you dark clouds seem to hover, Then stop a moment and "Remember Me."

I linger here alone for you in exile, How often do I plead for you to come To rest within the shadow of My Prison

Life's way is strewn with thorns as well as roses, But often midst the thorns a rose you see;

As on you travel, footsore, through life's valley, With weary eyes you mountain top you see,

Where else from pleasures vain dost yearn to hide thee Save here, alone, within My wounded Breast.

Then turn your wandering steps from worldly honor And from all things that bind the heart to earth;

And bid farewell to sin and sinful mirth, Remember, child, that I am ever with you, I watch your faltering steps along life's way;

GROWING IN WISDOM AND VIRTUE

There are all sorts of tests by which you may judge your growth. No, indeed; I don't mean your physical growth. No doubt the days when you kept tab on the inches by standing against the pantry door and having someone place a mark over the top of your head are quite a distance backward.

For instance, how do you accept an apology and how do you take a criticism? A thoughtful honest answer will help a lot in classifying yourself.

One of the hardest things in the world is to bring one's self to say simply: "I was quite wrong and I am sorry."

On reading the story of Christ in the Gospels one often is struck at the miraculous power exhibited by the Saviour in the most casual way. A simple Man, without the trappings of court or the panoply of luxury.

There is, however, one incident which seems to overshadow all the other manifestations of power: it is the miracle of love in the Holy Eucharist.

Most of us, when we have done something unkind or rude or hurtful in some other way, find it much easier to make amends by doing a favor, even at considerable inconvenience, or to make a gift or say something nice where we know it will be carried back.

Perhaps with grown-ups the way you accept an apology matters most to yourself. If you are a failure at that particular bit of your day's work, the other party simply sets you down as such, and unless she is a rather incompetent person herself she doesn't let it influence her.

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girl." Of course she won't understand your lack of enthusiasm over her apology. But if you are a busy person there is nothing for it except not to make appointments with her and not to depend on her at all.

A MYSTERY OF LOVE

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Christ chose the Tabernacle as the home of His love. The humility of God is as awesome as His power; abasing Himself to the form, with reverence we say it, almost of a nonentity.

REPORT ON AMERICAN RELIEF IN IRELAND

Dublin, May 27.—Mr. C. J. France, Director of the American Commission for Relief in Ireland, reports that between January, 1921, and May, 1929, approximately 75,000 persons were relieved and \$5,500,000 paid out.

Many of our churches are open throughout the day. How few realize of a visit to the imprisoned lover! Rushing hither and thither, panting after distractions, lost in a whirl of business and pleasure, even the faithful prove oblivious to the presence of Him whom they will cry and long for on their bed of death.

FRANCE

CATHOLICS ARE LEADING IN AGRICULTURAL REVIVAL

I have returned this evening from a Congress which was held at Chalons, the Chef-lieu of the department of the Marne, a few miles from the immortal battlefields of 1914 and 1918.

I am persuaded that every time a man smiles—but more so when he laughs—it adds something to this fragment of life.—Sterne.

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