### 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. Love sought its shade at evening-

time,
To breathe its early vows;
And Age was pleased, in heights of

To bask beneath its boughs. The dormouse loved its dangling twigs, The birds sweet music bore-It stood a glory in its place, A blessing evermore.

A little spring had lost its way A little spring had lost its way
Amid the grass and fern;
A passing stranger scooped a well
Where weary men might turn.
He walked it in, and hung with

care A ladle on the brink; He thought not of the deed he did, But judged that Toil might drink. He passed again; and lo! the well, By summer never dried, Had cooled ten thousand parched tongues, And saved a life beside.

A nameless man, amid the crowd, That thronged the daily mart, Let fall a word of hope and love, Unstudied from the heart,— A whisper on the tumult thrown, A transitory breath, It raised a brother from the dust, It saved a soul from death.
O germ! O fount! O word of love! O thought at random cast Ye were but little at the first, But mighty at the last.

#### -CHARLES MACKEY 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. The virtue extends to his whole life, taking account of actions private and public, and of things both small and great. To perform the duties of home without fault, repressing the fretful words, and being calm in the hot moments of anger; deeming life too costly for any areas and too short for pride; to quarrels and too short for pride; to maintain a chivalrous honor in all business relations; to hold back from the temptations of doubtful gain; these are some of the phases which appear in the life of every one who is faithful.—The Echo.

WHAT PERSEVERANCE WILL

Hallo! was the sum total of Ionel Monteanu's vocabulary when he came to Akron one year ago. He didn't know what it meant but every one seemed to be saying it and receiving pleasant responses. Ionel marked it word one in his

English vocabulary.
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.

Although he speaks five lan-guages fluently, translates Latin and Greek as facile as a woman reads beauty hints, leads his class in mathematics, and is a general favorite among both faculty and students, Monteanu is quite modest. He seems averse to talking about

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. English is the most perverse language if you don't speak it especially on a bill of fare, Ione found. The yery word that might seem to be lobster salad or fried chicken always turned out to mean fried mush or crackers or maybe

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. However, out of the medley of verbal incongruity one word commanded attention: Hello!

He heard it again and again. He liked the sound and effect of

This was his method of learning English. From the expressions on the face of the speaker, from the tone of the word, from its effect on those who listened he tried to determine the meaning. Over and over again he repeated the words he

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

Monteanu has a sunny disposition. His perfect manners and modest demeanor are deliciously refreshing.—Catholic Columbian.

#### 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. All will enjoy the week-end holidays; many will be for a fortnight or month in the country or at the shore. It is a

tion of health.
You are already giving your vacation some thought. You are consulting tourist folders, planning parties, making reservations. You parties, making reservations. You want your vacation to be a success. You are thinking, with Emerson, that health is the greatest wealth. You wish to return refreshed and happy, with a better grip on the few remaining years of the fast moving cycle of life. And so you will, if, in seeking the beauty spots of Nature, you attain to a higher perspective of Nature's God. St. Paul has marked the way: "The invisible things of Him are clearly seen, being understood

are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made." This is the lesson of the rugged mountains, the roaring sea and the

You want your vacation to be a 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 will not consider visiting a place inaccessible to a church. You will not permit those under your charge to go to such a under your charge to go to such a locality on any pretext. You will be as careful about arranging for Sunday and holy days and attend-ance at Benediction as you were at

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. Nor must you forget that there are contagions which are worse than physical infections, and which should be held in greater abhorrence. Summer resorts are camping grounds for moral lepers who seem to believe, and perhaps not without cause, that the virtuous let down the bars a bit when away from guarding eyes and the restraints of home. There is much talk of good times and a foolish avidity on the part of some even at the cast of times and a foolish avidity on the part of some, even at the cost of unmentionable sacrifice to enjoy them. Mindful that temptation besets the idle, you will not forget to pray and to give good example. 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 off the specious marks of so-called good times. Too many votaries of Omar Khayyam preach their sickening gospel to excited ears during holiday time. "Have a good time; don't be a prude." You will be invited to share in dances and parties which will crimson your cheeks when you go to confession in cheeks when you go to confession in September. If you refrain, in the eyes of people whom you would not invite to your home, you are a prude. If you cannot bear with this, is it not better to seek a place where such demands are not made? where such demands are not made? 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 meticu-lously as you would conduct yourself at your own fireside. Remember that "the moments perish and are written down against us."

Come back rested or exercised physically, as you wish, but with the consciousness of obligations to God fulfilled. There is no such thing as physical refreshments with a conscience tortured and turbed.—The Tablet.

#### 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

To rest within the shadow of My

When toil and worry of the day is done. Life's way is strewn with thorns as well as roses.

But often midst the thorns a rose you see;
And when along the road the thorns

your feet pierce, Then rest a moment and Remember I, too, through life's long journey,

here, an Exile, Tread the thorny path that led to cruel death

I gave My Life, My Blood, for you, to save you,
I pleaded for you with My dying breath.

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

you see, Lay down your staff and rest within the shadow Of My Shrine, child, and Remember

Me.
Where find you, in the world, a friend so faithful?
Where is there in this world a place

of rest?
Where else from pleasures vain dost yearn to hide the 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;

time for rest and play and rejuvena- And bid farewell to sin and sinful

Remember, child, that I am ever with you,
I watch your faltering steps along life's way;
By day, by night, Mine eye is resting on you, Remember Me, my child, and with

Me stay. -CARRIE KUKLMAN 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 nead are quite a distance backward. What I have in mind is growth in wisdom and virtue and strength of character.

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.

If you have actually learned to accept a sincere apology generously and tactfully, and to look criticism in the face and ask if it may not be true instead of resenting it, you are making progress beyond a doubt. I would feel quite safe in marking you about ninety per cent. efficient in the art of living, on that count

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." Then when you have brought yourself to the point of "eating humble pie" to be humiliated and treated with coldness! Truly it is nearly impossible to do it at all next time. Indeed many an effort at better-doing is nipped in the bud by just that sort of reception of a sincere apology. If you tion of a sincere apology. If you have acquired the rarely clear vision which sees things in their proper relations you know that the person who receives an apology in a spirit of resentment is short in the art of of resentment is short in the art or living, not you who have made the amends. You have done your part. She has failed in hers. If, when you have brought yourself to the you have brought yourself to the miracle of love in the Holy Eucharist. Christ might have decided to erect a marvelous palace you have brought yourself to the point of saying you are at fault as Eucharist. Christ might nave well as making the other amends decided to erect a marvelous palace in which He would appear at times,

beyond measure went out of the room. By and by, unless that mother changes her tactics, she will be bewailing the fact that her snub administered to the child's apology will be quite forgotten. If the young woman remembers, which is not likely, and tells her mother, the latter will dismiss it as of no consequence. But such incidents are big to a child. Perhaps there are no little things really. You remember that line

"A wasp is but a small affair. But, patience! how he stings."

Suppose instead of saying coldly in reply to the little girl's apology:
"That doesn't help now," her
mother had told her that she was glad her little daughter was sorry and that she had said so. And then later when they were alone together she should have explained that while being sorry and making an apology for one's failure are very important, if the little girl were as sorry as she said, she would make an effort not to repeat the failure.
And she might be given some unpleasant task to do or made to forego a pleasure so that she would

yourself thoroughly inefficient in the art of living.

As a matter of fact some people who do the most outrageous things and then think an apology fixes it up and gives them a sort of permit to go and do it all over again. They have promised to meet you at a certain hour. They don't appear, and your whole day is wasted, not to mention the irritation you feel after you have waited around indefinitely. "Oh, yes; she is terribly sorry and she hopes you'll forgive her." Perhaps she adds complacently that "she always had a wretched memory when she was a revealed, among other important the Cathedral. No Sunday passes which does not see in many cities, similar manifestations of study and prayer. I shall not attempt to draw a picture of them; the enumeration alone would be too long.

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sincere apology is a pretty fine deed. It requires courage and humility, and not to receive it with equally fine appreciation and generosity stamps you as away down in the scale. You want to get busy and pull yourself up a notch or two. —A. B. in The Echo.

#### A MYSTERY OF LOVE

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, He went about humbly, healing the sick and raising the healing the sick and raising the dead. Without advertising or selfseeking He wrought wonders that astounded and amazed the learned

well as making the other amends the case calls for she were to say cordially: "Well, that's fine of you to say so! Let's not think about the matter any more," you would hath he gainers.

done decided to decided the would appear at times, or wherein He might reside for all time. He might have drawn upon His omnipotence to make this abode the most dazzling imaginable in order to overawe and to draw men.

thing except the things he likes.

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. But with children it's a much more serious matter. The other day I happened to be present when a tearful little girl came in and said: "Oh, mamma, I'm so sorry I forgot to do what you told me." And what do you suppose that foolish mother did? She looked coldly at that flushed and frightened little face and said: "That doesn't help matters any." And the child hurt beyond measure went out of the room. By and by unless that

Many of our churches are open shops and farm houses. throughout the day. How few avail themselves of the high privdaughter seems almost a stranger to her. She is far more confidential to her. She is far more confidential whirl of business and pleasure, even whirl of business and pleasure, even the state of the st the faithful prove oblivious to the presence of Him whom they will cry and long for on their bed of death. Truly, the miracle of the Tabernacle and to families destitute through and to families destitute through and to families destitute through unemployment. Despite this decree for in the bustle of life. It is another kind of miracle how Christians, professing belief in this God of the altars, persist in ignoring Him, passing His abode without so much as a thought or a nod. Will not all this needs the marked up against uses the marked up against uses. neglect be marked up against us on the terrible day of reckoning?— Catholic Bulletin

#### 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 battlefield of 1914 and 1918. Eight days ago I took part in another assembly held remember next time. Simply to treat a child's failures and apologies with cold displeasure is to show yourself thoroughly inefficient in

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.

You can hardly blame the less patient for treating that sort of apologies with derision. They are bogus any way. A genuine apology involves a determination not to have the incident occur again. But a sincere apology is a pretty fine generation on account of their youth, and disregarded by public authorities on account of their faith. The representatives of the great agricultural associations as well as officials have clearly shown now the interest which they attach to mani-festations of this kind and the sup port they expect from an associa-tion of this value. A significant example in this connection is the fact that one of the deputies of the depart-ment, Dr. Maunoury, who was rather "secular" before the War, consented secular before the war, consented to preside at one of the sessions of this "clerical" assembly, and publicly stated that "the fight had been engaged between the communist

Utopia and the Catholic ideal, and for the salvation of France the latter must triumph The Congress at Chalons was merely a diocesan assembly. But, for the first time since the War, it rallied, under the direction of the Bishop, the delegates of a district which has paid for its glory by frightful devastation. And I was able to observe that it is not the land alone which is reviving around the matter any more," you would both be gainers.

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. We can do anything but say right out we were wrong and are sorry. But of course it is the hard things we have to learn to do. No one amounts to a row of pins who sidesteps everything except the things he likes.

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When Mr. France came to Ireland first, acting on the advice of the American Ambassador in London and the American Consul in Dublin, he interviewed Sir H. Greenwood Sir M. Macready and Lord French Sir M. Macready told him he would only permit relief to workers ex-pelled in Belfast and the hinterland and to families destitute through

assisted He relates that British propa gandists in the United States in-fluenced the general body of citizens, outside the Irish and Irish-Americans, against the appeal of the American Commission for Relief in Ireland with the result that only \$5,000,000, half the amount sought, was realized.

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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