

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

"IF I HAD YOUTH"
If I had youth, I'd bid the world to try me,
I'd answer every challenge to my will;

"First-rate" a successful man... lucky fellow...
The disjointed phrase swept through the memory with startling insistence.

leaves the soul a moment's leisure. —The Pilot.

THE "O SALUTARIS"

It is not generally known, perhaps, that the singing of the hymn, "O Salutaris Hostia," during Benediction is of French origin, and recalls a remarkable event in French history.

"O Salutaris Hostia, Quae coeli pandis ostium; Sella premit hostilia; Da robur, fer auxilium.

O Saving Victim, opening wide The gates of heaven to man below! Our foes press on from every side; Thine aid supply! Thy strength bestow."

The France of that day received relief.

THIS IS MY FRIEND

Let me tell you how I made His acquaintance. I had heard much of Him, but had taken no heed.

He sent daily gifts and presents, but I never thanked him. He often seemed to want my friendship, but I remained cold.

I was homeless and wretched and starving and in peril every hour; and He offered me shelter and comfort and food and safety; but I was ungrateful still.

At last He crossed my path, and with tears in His eyes He besought me, saying: Come and abide with Me.

Let me tell you how He treats me now. He supplies all my wants. He gives me more than I dare ask.

He anticipates my every need. He begs me to ask for more. He never reminds me of my past ingratitude.

He never rebukes me for past follies. Let me tell you further what I think of Him.

He is as good as He is great. His love is as ardent as it is true. He is as lavish of His promises as he is faithful in keeping them.

He is as jealous of my love as He is deserving of it. I am in all things His debtor, and He bids me call Him Friend, Jesus Christ.—Robert Hugh Benson.

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MAKING MONEY

Two men sat in the railway train on the way to their daily task in the office. For a brief space both were deeply engrossed in the newspaper. But after the columns of the stock page, the radio page, the real estate page and a few other items had been digested, simultaneously they threw the printed sheets wearily aside and entered into conversation.

Said the first: "Have you seen Jones lately?" And the second answered: "Yes, I saw him the other day on the street."

"How are things going with him?" "Why, I should say they were going first-rate. He looks prosperous. Had a fine new overcoat, carried a cane and from every indication he is a successful man, Lucky fellow... I envy him."

"I heard something to the effect that he was rapidly rising," said the first speaker. "I should say he is lucky. He used to be a poor boy with not much of an outlook. Now,—he's got everything in the world to make him happy... He's making money. What more can he want?"

The two men left the seat as the train puffed into the station. They mingled with the hurrying throng, unconscious of the fact that they had furnished material for thought for at least one human being.

What more can he want? Before the iron gate that separated the train yard from the inner station, stood a truck, heavily laden. It bore one ponderous burden, a little more than 6 feet long and less than 3 feet wide.

It stood abandoned—a stolid wooden box with an inscription written on a large pasteboard tag: a name and an address,—that was all.

On top of the box rested a wreath of gay colored flowers: it presented an almost incongruous appearance in its solitary state.

The crowds surged near, very near the gruesome burden that was waiting for a train to come and bear it away to its final resting place. So near that it was possible to see the inscription standing out in bold characters on the printed tag:

And, by one of those weird tricks of circumstances,—the man's name was—had been—Jones.

Whoever he had been, of whatever age or condition in life, his course was finished; he had run his race and reached the goal,—how far ahead or behind in attainment of the prize, no one could say. And now all his striving was over, and he lay quite still, shut up there in the narrow confines of a plain wooden box, waiting for strangers to come and wheel him away.

How are things going with Jones? had said the passenger in the train but ten minutes before.

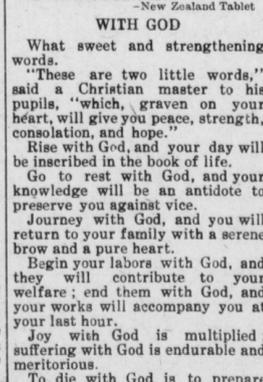
And his companion had replied with the characteristic shrewdness of the business world, in commercial parlance as we might say:

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

BE KIND BE kind, for oh! a kind word spoken To those whose hearts are well nigh broken Shall never pass away. That kind word is a secret treasure, Where recompense, beyond all measure Waits the great reckoning day. Be kind, be kind unto thy brother; The love thou would'st have from another Do thou thyself impart. The kind deed wrought shall pass oh! never, Its blessed fruit remains forever Deep in the Sacred Heart. Thy kindly word again shall greet thee When Jesus shall come forth to meet thee. When thou His Face shalt see, The Heart of Jesus has remembered; "The Kindness," He will say, "thou'st rendered Was rendered unto Me."

WITH GOD What sweet and strengthening words. "These are two little words," said a Christian master to his pupils, "which, graven on your heart, will give you peace, strength, consolation, and hope." Rise with God, and your day will be inscribed in the book of life. Go to rest with God, and your knowledge will be an antidote to preserve you against vice. Journey with God, and you will return to your family with a serene brow and a pure heart. Begin your labors with God, and they will contribute to your welfare; end them with God, and your works will accompany you at your last hour. Joy with God is multiplied; suffering with God is endurable and meritorious. To die with God is to prepare one's self a sweet entrance into Paradise. But one cannot live with God, rest with God, one cannot feel that he is with God unless he withdraws a little from that perpetual movement and turmoil which hardly

Answers for last week: MANIPULATOR, COUNCIL, TABLETS, CASSOCK, STOLE, GOTTAROC, VOW, DTS.



These two pictures at the top are seasonally just now. Why? Last Sunday was the feast of St. Mathew the Apostle. The four pictures at the bottom are the Evangelists (of whom St. Mathew was one) with their symbols. Can you name them?

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