CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

MY CROSS

When first it met me in my sunny

And, murd'rous, pierced my heartthe wound, the pain
So grievous seemed, so instinct with

God's wrath, Methought my lips could never smile again.

Through all the days I pondered on that pain; Through all the nights I chafed be-

neath that cross;
Till death alone to me seemed sweet-

sing, And all the air with these wise

And in His will are peace and joy

and life,"
And since ? I hide it my heart's deep shrine,
And blood-stained clasp it there:

nor weep, nor frown, Thou canst will no cross, O

Love Divine! wins not (bravely born) its own blest crown.

ELEANOR C. DONNULLY FROM NEWSBOY TO GOVERNOR

From newsboy of the lower East Side of New York City to Governorelect of the Empire State is the record of the onward march on the political road of Alfred E. Smith a And it has taken him only 45 years to do it.

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er. He became Speaker, and in his last term was majority leader.
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of compensation.

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MEN OF HUMBLE BIRTH

Out of a dingy law office in Virginia, out of a cobbler's shop in Wales, out of a village doctor's office in France and from a farm on the Island of Sicily came the four men who, in the grand old palace at Ver sailles, will soon put the quietus on the divine right of kings.

ishlies, which is the divine right of kings.

In 1856, three days after Christmas, a boy named Thomas was born a special interest in it, for the writer a special interest in it, for the writer tells of a boy in Rome, who wanted tells of a boy in Rome, who wanted in the plain home of a Presbyterian parson in Staunton, Va. When this boy was four years old there was born in Palermo, on the Island of Sicily, 4,000 miles away, a black-eyed Sicilian boy, whom the farmer-folk parents of the boy named Victor,

after the new Italian king.

Three years later still, when
Thomas was playing the games of seven-year-old boys in Virginia and en Victor, at three, spent most of asked the Cardinal kindly. his time romping in the little farm in Sicily, there was born in the heart of the foggy, grimy town of Manches ter, in England, a boy named David. His home was the ugliest of all the three. It was of red brick, two stories high, small windows, facing a busy stone sidewalk. Its rooms were small and little adorned, and not much hope of greatness could ever have sprung from that dingy

There was one other boy to make up the quartet. His name was George. He was a young medical student in Paris twenty-two years ago, when David was born in Eng-land. He thought all governments He thought all governments ought to be republics, and by the time he was twenty five, he came over to the United States to study the American republic, and, if possible, to make a living over here as a doctor. He had been born in a little village, in France, in a doctor's

household. While George was in New York, almost starving for lack of patients and later, while he taught French in

and spare time in his uncle's shoe shop or in the village blacksmith shop listening to his elders talk over the affairs of the world.

Victor, with law as his vision, crossed the famous old Straits of Messina from his island home and went to Naples to study in the law

School there.

In the 80's things began to happen.

Down in Virginia, Thomas was admitted to the bar. In old Wales,
David, who, by this time had learned to speak English, was admitted to practice law in 1884, and, in 1885, the black eyed, hot blooded Sicilian, Victor, received the documents that entitled him to practice at the Italian bar.

And life alone but bitter, bitter loss.

But one glad day I heard an angel ism had arisen there in the form of the Commune, and he had fought it so desperately that he had been senwords was rife:
God thy Father who hath
willed this thing.

teaced to death. He hated kings,
and he also hated the autocracy of
the mob. He fled from Paris.

Soon they will sit at a peace table together, the first peace table in all human history from which divine right kinds are barred. The future right kinds are barred. The future one to his knees, he made the sign and the welfare of the world lie in their four pairs of hands. Their full names are: Geo. Clemenchau, pre- and grant him his desire. mier of France; David Lloyd George, prime minister of England; Victor Emanuel Orlando, premier of Italy, and Thomas Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States.—Milwau-

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE GIRLS THAT ARE WANTED The girls that are wanted are good

girls— Good from the heart to the lips; Pure as the lily is white and pure, From its heart to its sweet leaf tips. The girls that are wanted are home

girls— Girls that are mother's right hand, ently the opinion was correct. He That fathers and brothers can trust to

And the little ones understand. Girls that are fair on the hearthstone.

And pleasant when nobody sees ; Kind and sweet to their own folks, Ready and anxious to please.

The girls that are wanted are wise

girls, That know what to do and to say ; That drive with a smile and a soft

The girls that are wanted are girls

Who can follow whatever is pretty,

ful girls. Who count what a thing will cost,
Who use with a prudent, generous hand.

But see that nothing is lost.

with hearts; They are wanted for mothers and wives;

Wanted to cradle in loving arms, The strongest and frailest lives. -New York Graphic

THE CARDINAL'S MISSIONARY This is the title of a pretty story in The Magnificat, which prints so many beautiful stories for its readers,

One morning a Cardinal met a priest with a band of boys, walking towards the Vatican. Stopping to speak to the priest, the Cardinal noticed one of the smallest boys trying to break from the grasp of an older companion.

"What does the child want?"

"He says, Your Eminence," answered the older boy, "that he has something he must ask you, but I tell him that Cardinals can't be both-

ered with boys of his age."
"Let him come," ordered the prelate. "This Cardinal has a great weakness for little boys.'

Hearing the kind voice, the child came forward, but for a moment his courage failed him. How could he tell his great wish to a Prince of the Church? The Cardinal looked into the pleading dark eyes, and bent down to the little lad, so that he might whisper his request.

Is it true that Your Eminence

can see the Pope, and speak to him?"
"Quite true," replied the Cardinal.
"Please, will you ask him something for me? Please ask him to pray that when I am a man God will let me be a missionary."

interest in the work of promoting for the first time since 1874, the provocations, and we can imagine how touched he was by the child's For a minute he made no answer,

But the Cardinal was already fully informed, as he thought the Pope would surely ask such a question.

"Your Holiness, the child is

motherless and worse than father hotheriess and worse than tather-less," he said, and he told of the father's intemperance and of his desertion of the child, who was left on the charity of a relative. In that case," said the Pope.

will make myself responsible for his education.' When the Cardinal presented the

child the Holy Father drew him to his knee and questioned him gently, asking him if it were true that he wished to be a missionary.

"Yes, Holy Father," the lad answered: and when the Pope told him what hardships a missionary suffers and that he must be willing to sacrifice even life itself, the child replied: "I want to be a mission-

ary."
Pope and Cardinal exchanged glances above the little head.
"Come with me," said the Holy
Father, and he led the child
across the room to his own prieu dieu. Then gently forcing the little

And when the dangers and perils of your chosen life surround you," spoke the gentle voice, " may He be with you to give you strength and crown your sufferings."

The boy's face was radiant, and the holy men who looked down upon

the holy men who looked down upon it must have shared his joy.

This happened, we are told, only a short time ago. The boy is studying hard, fitting himself for his vocation. The Pope provides for him, and he looks forward to the years when he will begin the arduous, lonely life of a missionary. Other boys who read this story

may feel the yearning desire to serve God in the holy priesthood, and though they cannot have the priv ilege of telling their hopes to the dear Holy Father, our Lord will open the way for them if they pray and are resolute in purpose, as was the little to be missionary. - St. Paul

HIS GIFTS

Out of the infinite store of His wealth, God gives to each one a dower, Spiritual gold for the soul's fair

health. Gifts for the need of each hour; Faith's priceless ray that shines

through the storm, Hope for the souls that are true, Out of the infinite store of His wealth, What has He given to you?

ut of the wealth of His treasury great God gives a dower to each,

Nobler than kingdom, than power, or state, Rarer than vision or speech;

Heavenly gems from eternity's shore Gifts everlastingly new. Out of the wealth of His infinite

store What has He given to you? What has He given to you? Scan

the field. The field of your soul is it fair? Does Constancy bloom? Is Grace of its yield? flower of Virtue grow

there? Over its soil does one tree lift its Where some tired heart may re-

pose? Out of the gilts that to you God has

Blooms there sweet Charity's rose? Out of the treasure He gave you, my friend. That forth from His hand to you

flowed, Of the riches received, how much did you spend,

And how was its bounty bestowed? Did you send it abroad for the need of your kind,

That the hungry of heart might have food, Or dwarfed does it lie, restrained and confined? Have you turned it to evil or good?

-T. A. BROWNE

Ottawa, December, 1918.

FROM PROTESTANT SWITZERLAND

News from the Old World travels slowly during war times, especially good news. The town of Olten in the Canton of Solothurn, Switzer land, was once a den for the heretics who called themselves "Old Catho-Now this great man not only loved children dearly, but he had a deep the Pope. On Corpus Christi last, cession of the Most Blessed Sacra ment was held without any disturb ance or interference. In those days and later, while he taught French in a girl's school in Stamford, Conn., little Thomas, down in Virginia, at the age of ten years, had buckled down to his studies, with the hope of being a lawyer; Victor at six was studying in a school in far-away Paleron, and David, at three, fatherless by this time, was getting ready for life in the home of his uncle, a village shoe-maker, in a little town of Wales. The only city-born boy of the four, Fate, when his father died, took him to the simplicity of village life and saved him, perhaps, from the sidewalks.

The years whirled on. George married an American girl and went back to France, to write and teach and doctor. Thomas went to a university to study law. David, seven years younger, spent his evenings of persecution the Catholic popula-

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