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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

death for the cause of Jesus Christ.

As a recent biographer says of him:

"He was never without his dreams.

And of these visions, from the very outset, the fairest and most absorbing was that of martyrdom. Towards this crowning gift of heaven there possessed him, from boyhood on ward, a sort of passionate attraction.

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Everywhere traces of it appear, in letters to his friends as well as in his private notes. It was his one personal ambition. In the same way that an other boy might dream of earning distinction as a soldier, or a painter might erave for recognition in his art, or a lover might long to win back love for love, so Southwell thirsted for the hone, and glory of a martyr's death. henor and glory of a martyr's death.

This desire gives the keynote to his

What is the "keynote" of most of our lives to day, and especially of the lives of our young men? Is it often a desire for marcyrdom? Has this desire 'a passionate attraction" for their contient and 2. Is their care singular. sire "a passionate attraction" for their youthful souls? Is their cry, ringing up to heaven from loyal and mighty hearts, this cry: "Living or dying, I am the Lord's?" Or is the great thought now: "Success"? Success in class, in college debates, in business, in family life; riches, ease, power, high place:— how greedy is the cravity (or anch things is it not? even ing for such things, is it not? even among those whe are technically called the good men of our day! But to leave all for Christ—to lose all for Christ—to lay down life itself, and in grievous pains, for Christ, how many young men among us crave such things

When Jesus Christ came to earth, He came to the poor, to live with them and to be counted one of them, yet we, Christ's followers, choose riches. He had not where to lay His head; and we, His followers, choose ease. He died on a cross for us, an outcast and forsaken; and we choose fame and honors. Nevertheless, He has left us an example that we should follow in His steps. The Catholic Church is the Mother and Queen of the saints and martyrs; there is never an era, When Jesus Christ came to earth, the Mother and Queen of the saints and martyrs; there is never an era, since Christianity dawned on earth, that the Church has not bad saints and martyrs somewhere, giving up all for Christ because they loved Him beyond all. When Christ was betrayed and tortured, and Peter denied Him, it was love that won the day. "The Lord turning looked upon Peter:—" can we not seem to see that look cast on ourselves, that look of pleading love? Then, after the Resurrection, it is the one question of Christ to Peter, "Lovest thou Me? yea — lovest thou Me more than these?" And the heart-broken penitent's reply is this: "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee." Here is the great thing that our young men need to day.—that warm personal loyal love to Jesus Christ, once a young man like them. They need this love, to raise them above the craving for mere riches and worldly success, and to make them trample down bemere riches and worldly success, make them trample down beand to make them trample down be-neath their feet the world, the fiesh and the devil. Such love for Christ will make them strong and chaste, free from any approach to blasphemy or censoriousness or evil speaking, men of integrity, men above represent, athletes

Self-improvement as an iAsset.

Education is power. No matter how small your salary may be, every bit of valuable information you pick up, every bit of good reading or thinking you do, in fact everything you do to make yourself a larger and completer man, will also help you to advance. I have known boys who were working very hard for very little money to do more for their advancement in their apare time, their half-holidsys, by improving their minds, than by the actual work they did. Their salaries were insignificant in comparison with their I know a sum of the salaries were growth of mind.

A Home Thrust.

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**Father Bernard Vaughan can deliver trenchant truths to the French Republic as well as to London's smart soloking in the window, Will Hartford came up to him. "Hello, Dick," said he, "don't you want a trade?" "What is it?" asked Dick. "I'what is it?" asked Dick. "I'must have some money to go on an excursion next week. I'll sell my sled, my fishing pole and my pen knife for a dollar."

That was a bargain—four dollars worth for a dollar! "I've a mind to take 'em." said Dick. "Why, have "" worth for a dollar! "I've a mind to take 'em." said Dick. "Why, have "" worth for a dollar! "I've a mind to take 'em." said Dick. "Why, have "" worth for a dollar! "I've a mind to take 'em." said Dick. "Why, have "" worth for a dollar! "Why, have "" worth for a dollar! "Why, have "" said Dick. "Their salaries were insignificant in comparison with their growth of mind.

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I know a young man who jumped in one bound from a salary of five thousand to ten thousand dollars, largely because of his insatiable effort at self-improvement. His great passion seemed to be to make the largest and completest man possible.

This young man is a good example of the possibility of reputation to help one on in the world. Everybody who knew him, knew that he was determined to make something of himself. It did not make any difference if his fellow employees wanted to throw their time away, he didn't. They soon found that it was of no use to try to tease him away from his reading or studying, for he had set his mind toward the future. He had no idea of belog a little, small, picayune man. He had a passion for enlargement, for growth. that it was of no use to try to tease him away from his reading or study-ing, for he had set his mind toward the future. He had no idea of being a little, small, picayune man. He had a passion for enlargement, for growth. Those who worked with him were very Those who worked with him were very much surprised at his rapid advancement; but there was a good reason for every bit of it. While they were spending their evenings and money trying to have a good time, he was trying to educate himself by a rigid course of self-improvement. of self-improvement.

of self-improvement.

Everywhere we see young mentied to very ordinary positions all their lives simply because, though they had good brains, they were never cultivated, never developed. They never tried to improve themselves, did not care to read anything. Their salaries on a Saturday night, and a good time, are about all they see; and the result, the narrow, the contracted, the pinched career. Men who have utilized only a very small percentage of their ability—not made it available by discipline and education—always work at a great dissadvantage. A man capable by nature, of being an employer, is often consented.

"O that's too bad," said the old man. "I vee walked twenty miles to get here." walked twenty miles to get here." walked twenty miles to get here." I can't go, "said the old man. "I've walked twenty miles to get here." John will be in Mainville till after Jone will be in Mainville till after Jone will be in Mainville till after Jone will can't go," said the old man. "I've walked twenty miles to get here."

"You can take the next train at 11:10 o'clock," said the boy. "Father Jone will be in Mainville till after Jone will be in Mai

ployee because his mind is totally un-

Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; whether we live, or whether we die, I am the Lord's." Such were the words with which Robert Southwell, poet, Jesuit, priest, martyr, faced death on the scaffold at Tyburn, England, in the early part of the year 1955 land, in the early part of the year 1956 land, in the early part of the year 1956 land, in the early part of the year 1956 land, in the carly part of the year 1956 land, in the early part of the year 1956 land, in the early part of the year 1956 land, in the carly part of the year 1956 land, in the year 1956 land, in the carly part of the year 1956 land, in the year 1956 land, in the carly part of the year 1956 land, in the year 1956 land, in the carly part of the year 1956 land, in has laid upon us obligations which he had laid on no other person. The child may fill the office that the father filled, he may live in the home in which the father lived, but the father's place is empty still. The son fills his own place in the world, and that alone. Each man stands alone before God. Each must do his own duty and fill his own sphere, and when he dies the world has lost one centre of power, one source of good. His place is for ever empty, except in so far as it is filled by the influence that he has left behind.

You may put two bodies in one grave

You may put two bodies in one grave but no two souls in the same space. One may carry on the work of his predecessor, but his predecessor's voice is not there, his hand is absent, his encouragement wanting. His place is empty and will forever be. Instead of two there is now but one. There is no filling of another man's place in this world. We fill our own place and that

Our conduct cannot be chargeable to another. For the things we do we alone must answer; and when we pass away the world will be just so much richer or so much poorer according as our lives have been a blessing or a curse. Filling another's place is all a delusion. You cannot do it.—

The Cross. The Man Who Sings at His Work. The Man Who Sings at His Work.

Give us, O give us, the man who sings at his work! Be his occupation what it may, he is equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit in the silent-sullenness. He will do more in the same time — he will do it better — he will persevere longer. One is scarcely sensible to fatigue while he marches to music. The very stars are said to make harmony as they revolve said to make harmony as they revolve in their spheres. Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness, altogether past calculation its power of endurance. Efforts, to be permanently useful, must be uniformly joyous—a spirit all sunshine—graceful from gladness—beautiful because bright.— Carlyle.—Catholic Home Companion.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Dick's Dollar

Dick was an orphan boy fourteen years old, who worked for Mrs. Lane on her farm. He had plenty to do, but got for his labors only his board and clothes. Frequently he was scolded, sometimes he was slapped. Affections to himself the greatest want he had ate himself, the greatest want he had

Was love. When Father John went to that When Father John went to that neighborhood to say Mass once a month Dick was his devoted slave. He met him at the station, carried his heavy missionary satchel to the house, waited on him, and, finally served his Mass.

Father John loved the boy and appropriated his sayrings.

preciated his services.

One time, after Dick had been un

over his surprise or say another word.
A dollar! A whole dollar! And his
own to do with as he chose!

dog, lest other purchasers should be before him. As he drew near the church he saw an old man trying the sacristy door. Dick went up to him.
"What do you want there?" he

"What do you want there?" he asked.
"I want to see Father John."
"He left half an hour ago on the train for Mainville."
"O that's too bad," said the old man.
"I expected to see him here and I walked twenty miles to get here."
"You can take the next train at 11:10 o'clock," said the boy. "Father John will be in Mainville till after Mass tomerrow."
"I can't go," said the old man. "I've no money. And I did so want to see him."

me" as he walked away towards the Dick was not sure that he'd ever see his dollar again, but he had been touched by the misery of the old man when the latter found out that Father

your money. The old man to whem you gave it told me. He is dead. He was feeling that he would not live long and had not been to his duties for nearly twenty years. You can see that he must have been anxious to find a priest. He died at peace with God. He had no relatives. He owned a run down farm about twenty miles from here. It is worth about \$3,000 to \$4,000. He is worth about \$3,000 to \$4,000. He willed it to you and made me your

guardian."
"O Father!" exclaimed the boy. "And you are to come to live with me and next September you are to go

to college."
"O Father!" exclaimed the boy. "Yes, God has rewarded you in this life for the sacrifice of your dollar, a thing that He does not always do, and now you must put your new talent out

at interest." Dick did not understand the last part

Dick did not understand the last part of that sentence, but so long as Father John said it it must be all right.

It was a happy boy that took a look at Jim's pupples that afternoon and bade good by to Mrs. Lane next morning, going on the train with Father John to Mainville, and the next day to his acr borns in Harrick.

John to Mainville, and the next day to his new home in Herrick.

In September the farm was sold and Dick was sent to college. He completed the course in six years and then he went to a seminary, where he now is, expecting to be ordained a priest himself next war.—Exchange. himself next year.—Exchange.

Her Compensation.

tion:

"If I dinna see"—and she spoke as if this were a matter of doubt and she if this were a matter of doubt and she were making a concession for argument's sake—"there's naebody in the Glen can hear like me. There's no a footstep of a Drumtochty man comes to the door but I ken his name, and there's no voice oot on the road that I canna tell.

The head sing wageter to me than to voice oot on the road that I canna tell.

The birds sing sweeter to me than to anybody else, and I can hear them cheeping to one another in the bushes, before they go to sleep. And the flowers sme I sweeter to me—the roses and the carnations and the bonny moss are any all index that the cartashe and rose—and I judge that the oat cake and milk taste the richer because I dinna One time, after Dick had been unusually attentive and self-denying, Father John, as he was going away and the train was starting, put a silver dollar into the boy's hard and said:

"That's for yourself, Dick. I want you to spend it. Good-bye."

"Good-bye, Father," said the boy, "and thank you very much."

The train was off before he could get over his surprise or say another word.

Proud of the Church."

And not until she has learned the Belgian and the Irish lessons will there be much hope of Catholic France's so marshalling her forces at the polls that the Chamber of Deputies will contain a clear majority of Catholics over all other members combined. That ought to be the condition now; that it will be the condition, within a decade. we be the condition, within a decade, we like to hope.—The Ave Maria.

CARDINAL MORAN

NOT ONLY A LEADER IN RELIGIOUS, BUT IN SECULAR MATTERS — ONE OF THE FEW MEN IN AUSTRALIA WHO HAVE A CORRECT GRASP OF THE

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sorrow and suffering appealed to his
loving heart and he was prompt to

make sacrifices.

He went back to the house and told

Mrs. Lane. She was furious with him.

"You wasted your money," she said,
"you gave it to a worthless tramp;
you're a good-for nothing boy!"

A month later Father John came
back to say Mass again. When he met
Dick he said:

"You need not tell me how you spent
ave it told me. He is
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the Cardinal the Australian Solving Irishmen, Cardinal Moran, a Churchman, a nhistorian, and a patriot. His
influence in the Southern Hemisphere is
immeasurable. It is felt in every
walk of life. I believe the future historian will bear me out that only for
the Cardinal the Australian Solving Solving

began in real earnest, and the Cardinal
was the center figure. Sir Henry Parges, an enemy of Catholics, acknow ledged in the House of Parliament the greatness of his Eminence's services, and the late federal Prime Minister, Sir Edmund Barton, declared that history would award the honor of the achievement to the great prelate.

HIS PEOPLE LOOK TO HIM FOR GUID-ANCE ON ALL QUESTIONS. The Cardinal is not only a leader in religious, but in secular matters. His people look to him for guidance on all questions. The minister of works has often acknowledged, that, next to the Cardinal is the greatest.

State, the Cardinal is the greatest builder and the largest employer of labor in Australia. The commissioners of education recently said that his Eminence is one of the few men in Australia who have a correct grasp of Australia who have a correct grasp of the educational requirements of the people. He gives a lead to the State authorities, and at the last St. Patrick's day celebration he achieved a "great triumph by a schools' industrial exhibition of huge dimensions and workmanship in the arts and crafts. ship in the arts and crafts.

CULTIVATION OF IRISH PATRIOFISM THE AIM OF HIS LIFE.

The Cardinal realized that the fact of the Irish people not having an oppor-tunity to learn trades in the past was one of their great drawbacks, and that A beautiful lesson is touchingly conveyed by one of Ian Maclaren's Drumtochty characters, a blind girl who addresses these words to one who had spoken pityingly of her condition: we live in the age of skilled labor. So he has brought technical education into the schools. Cultivation of Irish

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all the Irish celebrations the children are given the place of honor. At the St. Patrick's day celebration in Syd-ney his year he had over six thousand

ney 'his year he had over six thousand children formed into a living shamrock on the grounds, each waving a green flag and singing national songs.

He has organized a Home Rule tribute, proposing that by a systematic collection the Irish Party should be subsidized to the extent of \$100.000 a rear and of that he guarantees \$10,000. year, and of that he guarantees \$10,000. The Cardinal is now in his seventysixth year, but he is as vigorous and straight as a man of forty.—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.



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