# CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE ANNUNCIATION "Hail, Mary, full of grace!" the Angel saith.

Our Lady bows her head and is ashamed; She has a Bridegroom who may not

be named, Her mortal flesh bears Him Who conquers death.

Now in the dust her spirit grovel-Too bright a Sun before her eyes

be thy Lover,
Thy God, who came from heaven to
dwell in thee!

About thy head celestial legions hover, Chanting the praise of thy humil-

> -JOYCE KILMER LOVING WORDS

How much better would it be if we were more generous and lavish of our good words when our friends can be cheered and blessed by them! Sometimes we get the lesson of keeping silence overlearned, and let hearts starve for lack of kindly words which lie meanwhile on our tongues ready to be spoken. It is not the want of love for which we are blamed, but the penuriousness that locks up the love and will not give out in word and act to bless hungry lives. Is other miserliness so mean We let hearts starve close beside us when we have the bread to feed them, and then when they lie in the dust of defeat or death, we come with our love to speak eloquent funeral eulogies. Would it not be far better to give out the kindliness when it will do good?

HOW TO SUCCEED

Most young men and most older men consider a man successful when he has accumulated considerable wealth. In a measure, the accum-ulation of wealth does indicate success, but it is a mistake to think that all men who are wealthy are successful and that all men who die poor are unauccessful.

Some of the most successful men in the world have died with little or no wealth. Some of the wealthiest men in the nation, when the real test of success is applied to them, are failures. Wealth does not necessarily measure to success or a lack of wealth, failure. Success depends on rendering a capable and an honest service, doing the things that need to be done.

If all young men would make up

their minds to prepare themselves for some job they like and pledge themselves to discharge the duties, which fall upon them, faithfully and to the best of their ability, all would be successes. One of the greatest assets in a young man's life is character and it requires character to be a success.—Cath-

A DEFINITE AIM IN LIFE

Success or failure in your high school career depends mightily on the definiteness of your aim. Your choice of a trade or profession should determine the courses you will take. If you want to be a doctor, Latin will hold no terrors for you. If you want to be an engineer, trigonometry will not balk you; if you see your goal and drive in that direction you will get

there. Experience shows that the student with a definite aim accomplishes much more than the student without one. Therefore find out what you want to do; even though you should decide to change later; you will have had the satisfaction of forming good habits in working forming good habits in working toward a definite objective, which would not have been the case if you had been aimlessly drifting in the

If you do not have a definite plan At you do not have a definite plan you are very liable to drop out of school the first year or the second. To be great; to achieve success in life; to be a leader and not a follower; to do justice to yourself and your parents; to forward the interests of your Church and your country, you must concentrate, you must decide what you want to be before you start your high school courses. Success is half assured the boy or girl who enters high school with a definite purpose. Failure is sure to be the lot of the

will be your position on any question where right and wrong are finally lost to those who would have tion where right and wrong are

A compass that goes wrong can wreck a ship. A conscience that goes wrong can ruin a life. There is only one way to have a strong dependable conscience, respected by you and those who know you; at every opportunity to make a mental decision, do it honestly and as carefully as the circumstances will for her children, it is little, indeed.

The man who is unwilling to make a moral judgment soon arrives at the place where he is unable to do so.

There will congirls, when you

has flamed,
Too fair a herald joy too high proclaimed.
And human lips have trembled in God's breath.

O Mother-Maid, thou art ashamed to cover
With thy white self, whereupon no stain can be,
Thy God, who came from heaven to be thy Lover.

unable to do so.
A colorless character is never remembered. It is unattached and without prospect of arriving anywhere, for it has no guide. There is another man. His conscience is not elastic. He stands four-square to every wind that blows. Cheap popularity has no attraction for him. In other words, he is "on the level."

The Echo.

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The Echo.

# OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE ANNUNCIATION

In her sequestered chamber, templelike and slender, Knelt the youthful maiden, meek and undefiled,

When the radiant sun burst forth in God-like splendor, Praying for the sons of men by sin

'Hail full of grace,'' is the salute; 'Like thee no woman's blest; The Lord descends to be the Fruit That in thy womb shall rest."

Light so glorious, vision of God's bliss unaltered, Heart and mind replete with mingled love and fear;

"How can that be since no man I know?" she faltered,
And she dared not gaze the sharp reply to hear.

'The might of God is unconfined, And wills that souls be free; The Blessed Fruit to thee inclined The Holy Ghost's shall be.

Raptured love bends to the Virgin's long devotion, Now her eyes shall see the prophet's words fulfilled;

"Be Thy word done, Lord, Thy will is my full portion." the Saviour's presence her pure soul enthrilled.

THE ANNUNCIATION

In a chamber of a humble car-penter's dwelling at Nazareth . . . a Virgin-Bride is praying at the solemn midnight hour. . . She alone of all mankind has been pre-served intact from the stain of sin. She is dear to the angels, who love to visit and protect and serve her "whom the King desireth to honor."

As she kneels there in the midnight stillness, a spirit guest in visible form draws near to her. . . . . He comes as the ambassador of the King of Heaven, in whose court he is one of the noblest princes. With what reverence and peaceful composure he enters the chamber How lowly his attitude as he draws near! In accents of deepest respect

he breathes a greeting. . . It is a salutation destined to live forever: "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!"—Our Lady in the Liturgy.

COURAGE

that is to say, over fear of poverty, learned that self restraint is a neces-of suffering, of calumny, of sick-ness, isolation, or death. There is no serious piety without heroism. It is the glorious concentration of

courage. It is much easier to destroy than to build; it is much easier to roll to build; it is much easier to roll down hill than it is to climb up; it is much easier to be a failure than it is to become a success, for it is much easier to indulge your inertia than it is to stimulate your inertia than it is to stimulate your initiative. To build, to climb, to achieve, are not easy. But it is only by building, climbing, achieving that a man makes progress. So don't waste your days looking for an easy way to success. Rather learn to welcome difficulties; and, above all, don't let hard work discourage you.

OUR FATHERS AND MOTHERS.

OUR FATHERS AND MOTHERS | ago. life. Boys and girls do not realize how cruelly they hart their fathers and mothers by showing disrespect, being insolent or indifferent when their parents try to guide them aright, says a writer in the Western Watchman.

saved them.

fully as the circumstances will for her children, it is little, indeed, to ask in return that they pay to her as much respect as they do to

> There will come a day, boys and girls, when you will be very, very sorry for every word or deed that hurt your father or mother, a day

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Madison, Wis., Feb. 10.-Among those who addressed the conference of the Wisconsin Christian Education Council, held here last week, was Rev. Albert C. Fox, S. J., president of Marquette University, who spoke on "The Value and Need of Religious Education for the Boys and Girls of Wisconsin." In the course of his talk, Father Fox

'The great bulk of education throughout the country today is intellectual and informational, and dragon. character training has become a minor consideration. Science without character is dangerous. Pseudescience without character and without conscience is fatal. Much has been claimed and much has been written about intelligence tests; but it is far more necessary that educators from now on should pay more attention to character tests.

"The successful man of middle life must have and actually does have decided moral fibre. No one can even think of such a man as soft or flabby. He aims actually to do what he knows he ought to Whether you be a man or woman, in his life which suggests sternness you will never do anything in the and discipline. He helps one to world without courage. It is the understand that righteousness has greatest quality of the mind next to an actual place in the world. With honor. Heroism is the brilliant triumph of the soul over the flesh—is no substitute for vicinity of the mind next to an actual place in the world. With the triumph of the soul over the flesh—is no substitute for vicinity of the mind next to an actual place in the world. With the triumph of the soul over the flesh—is no substitute for vicinity of the mind next to an actual place in the world. With the place is no substitute for vicinity of the mind next to an actual place in the world. With the place in the world.

ment. We need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power, we need more moral power. We do not need more

communities today as there was possibly twenty-five or fifty years ago. We have somehow externalized life. We have emerged the individual into the maze of our modern life. We have snuffed out the inner light and broken and crumbled and destroyed the inner reality which made the American of other gener-

school with a dennite purpose. Failure is sure to be the lot of the drifter, namby-pamby who is not possessed of enough backbone or grit to make up his mind.—The Pilot.

STAND FOR SOMETHING
"A man may smile and bid you hail, Yet wish you with the devil, But when a good dog wags his tail You know he's on the level."

When folks think of you, what do they see in their mental picture?
Do you embody a principle, or have you never been guilty of being four-square on any proposition in all your life? Do you have an inner guide "true as a dial in its response to the truth about you," or did you apologize to it so often that finally it ceased to command any respect whatsoever?

Is your character so true that others know without asking what is many be happy, and they know this proposition in seeing any tendency of a boy or girl in the few years that he or she has known the world can possibly, have wisdom. That copies with knowledge of life and life's ways, without knowing the suffering and sorrow which one must go through, if he try to make his own way, unheading the advice of those who "know."

Their strongest wish is that you may be happy, and they know that happiness comes only to those who do what is right and live according to God's laws.

When fathers and mothers seem cross or too stern, it is because their hearts are torn with misery in seeing any tendency of a boy or girl in the few years that he or she has known the world can possibly, have wisdom. That comes with knowledge of life and life's ways, without knowing the suffering and sorrow which one must go through, if he try to make his own way, unheading the advice of those who "know."

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The root of the trouble is the London divorce courts. They are cheap and their system of distribution is almost perfect. Every weekend they overrun the country. Although a general atmosphere of girl to go the wrong way. They have seen so many children begin to

# Young Tender Leaves

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Association, as put before the Government, is that the evil should Government, is that the evil should be fought by Customs duties. The Ministry of Finance is asked to impose a heavy tax on all imported publications. A "privileged list" drawn up at the same time would name the exemptions. The journals not exempted would, of course be the unclean sediment, which the taxiff would hit head tariff would hit hard.

The big objection to any tax on printed matter is that it may beome a tax on knowledge. But every night at 9.00 p. m. (effective that argument can be used even January 11) for Vancouver. against the law of copyright.

Father McInerney, O. P., Editor of the Irish Rosary, told the Government that the tariff plan has worked successfully in New Zealand. The Vigilance Association fully understands the need for common sense and moderation, as its movement can only be effective when it has public opinion behind it.

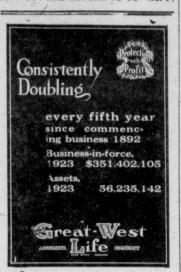
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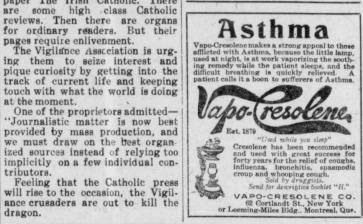
Pacific agent supply definite information concerning tickets, reservations, etc., and Victoria, Canada's national winter resort where summer sports may be enjoyed the for ordinary readers. But their pages require enlivenment. The Vigilance Association is urg-ing them to seize interest and

> touch with what the world is doing at the moment. One of the proprietors admitted-"Journalistic matter is now best provided by mass production, and we must draw on the best organ-ized sources instead of relying too implicitly on a few individual con-

tributors. Feeling that the Catholic press will rise to the occasion, the Vigilance crusaders are out to kill the









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