

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

The Young Man of To-day.

The great need of the twentieth century is young men of high character who will stand amid the surging world and stamp their Catholic faith upon the face of life.

While, perhaps, we are living in a less prosaic age, there never was a time when men, young men of sterling worth, were needed so much as in our day.

In every sphere of endeavor young men should strive to excel. They should be the leaders in every movement where religion and education are concerned.

Value of Courtesy. If young people, especially in small towns, would form "courtesy clubs" or graft this idea upon existing organizations, it would result in great advantage not only to the young people belonging to them, but also to the town in which they lived.

In other words their bad manners and repulsive ways have kept them back and handicapped their careers. It is astonishing how fine manners and politeness in children develop into ease and attractiveness in manhood.

How He Lost His Opportunity. How little the average person who is trying to get on realizes how many things are occurring in his experience which are helping to down him, and which are hindering his advance!

one, who later was in a position to help him, that lost him the opportunity.

Many a man has lost his opportunity for advancement under the present administration by opposing and criticizing Theodore Roosevelt in his earlier career, when he did not dream that the former would ever occupy his present lofty position.

You never can tell where a thrust of an unguarded moment will land, or what effect a sarcastic remark may have on your future.

Give the young and struggling a word of encouragement when you can. You would not leave those plants on your window boxes without water, nor refuse to open the shutters that the sunlight might fall upon them; but you would leave some human flower to suffer from want of appreciation or the sunlight of encouragement.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

An Irish Fairy Tale.

It was in the County Meath, in the month of June, just sixty years ago.

Such a grand, fine night as it was, and the moon queneing it over every thing with her pale, proud face, and sailing along so calm and easy that you forgot all about the heat and hurry of the day, and you took long breaths and began to look about you and see how lovely the sky and fields and roads looked.

He was getting along finely, now, only feeling a bit ashamed when he thought of poor Molly sitting up for him all this time and not knowing but that something might have happened to him—when the sight nearly left his eyes.

Poor Johnny stood stock still in the middle of the road. Well for him it was that they were coming along slowly, for he had just time to think what to do.

There were about thirty of them, and they had clear shrill voices and were talking in Irish like mad.

One of them said: "Oh, who would it be only Johnny Mohun?" "Johnny Mohun, is it? Come out, Johnny Mohun!" they all cried.

They couldn't make up their minds for a while, but the laughing had got them into a good temper, and one of them said: "We'll let him be. He's a decent man, this Johnny Mohun, and if he's a bit of a coward, he's a wise man not to fight with us anyway."

So away they went in fine good temper and full of fun, even though they were carrying a coffin.

When he thought he might safely, poor Johnny got out of the churn more dead than alive. He had heard every word the fairies said, and solid man as he was, he was shaking all over. He knew the power of them when they got angry, and he was afraid to obey

them and he was afraid not to. Well, as it turned out, he did the best thing.

Molly gave him a great welcome when he got home, late and all as it was, and even the baby wakened up and chuckled for him.

And when the story got known about the fairies, Johnny Mohun was a great man and for weeks the people round about came flocking to hear every word of it.

A Prayer in a Pillow. One night the mother of two little girls was away at bedtime, and they were left to do as they would.

"Why, Lillian!" exclaimed Amy, with round eyes of astonishment. "I don't care; I am not going to bed. There isn't any use."

So she tumbled into bed, while Amy knelt and prayed. The prayer finished and the light extinguished, Amy crept into bed. There was a long silence; then Lillian began to turn restlessly, giving her pillow a vigorous thump and saying crossly: "Why wonder what is the matter with this pillow?"

A few minutes more of restlessness, and Lillian slipped out of bed and knelt in prayer. Then all was quiet and peaceful, and the two girls slept.

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ABBE KLEIN ON FERDINAND BRUNETIERE.

In the Catholic World for April, Abbe Felix Klein writes very interestingly about that celebrated French writer, Ferdinand Brunetiere, whose death last December was so universally deplored.

Home and an interview with Pope Leo XIII. in 1894 seem to have been the initial impulse of a change which eventually brought him into the Church.

From that time on he showed by his writings a gradual attraction toward the Church which he had formerly ignored. As Abbe Klein beautifully expresses it: "The Church, which he had treated first as a stranger, then for six or seven years as an ally, he henceforth looked upon as his mother, and showed himself, of all her sons, the most zealous in her defense, the most humble in her service."

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A man may say, "True, but in this climate we have sometimes a bleak, inclement May." This cannot be denied, but still so much is true that at least it is the month of promise and of hope.

Why is May called the month of Mary and especially dedicated to her? Among other reasons there is this—that of the Church's year, the ecclesiastical year, it is at once the most sacred and the festive and joyous portion.

Here, then, we have a reason why May is dedicated to the Blessed Mary. She is the first of creatures, the most acceptable child of God, the dearest and nearest to Him. It is fitting, then, that the month should be hers, in which we especially glory and rejoice in His great providence to us, in our redemption and sanctification in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.—Cardinal Newman.

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