

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

There is one thing that makes success possible to the humblest man: it is to go through life with a smiling face. All doors fly open with a glad welcome to the face that radiates sunshine.

A question of Age. Governor Allen, of Ohio, in commenting upon the edict of some of the railroads companies and other corporations that men over thirty five should not be employed, said, "It is not how long a man has lived that counts, it is what's left in him."

This is the secret of the whole thing. It depends altogether on how much is left in a man as to whether he is old or young, whether his fires have burned out or are still alive. What the employer wants is vitality, resourcefulness, alertness, freshness and openness of mind.

Your Account Books. In every large firm you will notice bookkeepers poring over figures during eight hours a day. The debit and credit columns of the day book are read and squared each day.

There is a tremendous youth-retaining power in the holding of high ideals and lofty sentiments. The spirit can not grow old while one is constantly aspiring to something better, higher and nobler.

There is nothing truer than that you fix your own "dead line," and if you are a "has been," "useless," and "out of date" at forty or fifty, you have no one to blame but yourself.

Exercise. The benefit of exercise depends largely upon the condition of the person taking it and his fitness to derive advantage from it.

This is very good sense. Even among people of temperate habits the mistake is frequently made of seizing opportunities of leisure from monotonous work to do a sudden spurt of other and unaccustomed work.

Live in the Light. Easter with its triumphant joys, is once more here. For all the glad world it has a message. What has it to say to Catholic young men?

"Do not think to take your ease. Life is the time for strife. So many temptations will come. They will overcome you or will be overcome by you. Then will come the judgment."

"Our religion fortifies us against the world. Our own flesh is our worst enemy. The devil utilizes our own weakness to make us sin."

"Think often of the shortness of this life and of eternity in Heaven. A Bishop says that it is hard to realize the length of sterility, but that one illustration will give some idea of it.

usefully asked. And again: Where am I to spend eternity? "A tree lies, the way it falls and it falls, the way it leans."

"Make the morning offering, if possible, assist daily at Mass, read a chapter in a pious book every evening, and go to the Sacraments every month."

A Sermon on Success. The New York Commercial prints for the edification and emulation of ambitious young men the details of a young broker's career, under the heading, "A Broker Boy Who Won Out."

Success means wealth, money, dollars. There is no going beyond this fact. Moralize as much as we may on the evils of hurrying and hurrying to secure wealth that obtains today.

Having thus set clearly before the young man the goal for which he should strive, the Commercial portrays the manner in which its ideal young broker "won out."

When the model of youthful ambition was interviewed he remarked: "I have made a big fortune here, beginning with nothing, but I suppose I have paid for it somehow."

What of that? Life is real, life is earnest, and this paragon of success is living it for all it is worth. Forceiving early money, dollars, he took fifty or thirty years of his life and his success. The doctors might be fooled, after all.

The Commercial's little sermon on success should be pondered by every young man. Let him carry in his mind's eye the dollar sign, the symbol of success.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

This pathetic story which we take from the Catholic Columbian, tells of the beautiful life and holy death of Charles Spotted Tail of the Indian Mission.

It was on a pleasant evening in early autumn that he came to us. The glowing sunset so beautiful on the Western prairie formed a pleasing background to the picture presented by the mission school and its scores of busy workers.

Here comes Pete, the cowboy, with his faithful watchdog, Shep, bringing in the milch cows. Yonder is a troop of little lads returning from the potato fields, each one trying to whiten his teeth on a raw potato, stolen from the basket.

"It is worth while? Can often be asked. As the boys approach she readily recognizes one as Tommy M., a pupil of former years, but his companion was a stranger.

"Sister, here is Charley, he wants to go to school," said Tommy. "What Charley is this you have brought us?" asked the Sister.

Upon inquiry the Sister learned that the newcomer was thirteen years old; that he had returned the previous June from a non-reservation boarding school, which he had attended for five years; that he was not yet baptized.

Place was made for him among the boys, who seemed delighted to welcome him among them. After supper he made application to Father Superior and was duly enrolled as a pupil.

His progress was a manly little fellow possessing a goodly number of the noble traits which distinguished many of his early forefathers. He was unselfish and generous that he soon became a general favorite among his companions, and was never known to have an enemy toward any.

Not many weeks had elapsed after his arrival at the mission when he expressed the desire to be baptized. After several months of instruction on Holy Saturday, and there was not a happier boy in all Christendom on Easter morn than the newborn "Anthony," for so he was named in baptism.

"Why, Anthony," he said, "I have heard so many nice stories about St. Anthony and I think I must have been lost, and he has found me. Anyhow, there's one thing sure, if I have not yet been lost I would have been if I hadn't come here."

While being instructed for baptism he was prepared also for his first Holy Communion, which he received on the feast of the Ascension. On the eve of this day he came to his teacher and said:

"Sister, is it really true that the sins we have committed before baptism are all forgiven by it?" "Truly, Charley," answered the Sister. "Wasn't that what Rev. Father Superior taught you?"

"Then I'm all right," he claimed, and real joy beamed on his countenance. "Owing to his dislike for anything conspicuous it was difficult for those not having direct intercourse with the boy to know how much real love and veneration for the holy sacrament there was in him."

On a fateful day he would invariably be the last to approach the confessional. When questioned as to his purpose in so doing he replied: "Well, Sister, I want to go to Holy Communion without any sin. If I go to confession late and go to bed immediately afterwards I shall not think anything wrong, and can receive our Lord without any sin on my heart."

What an example for many of our good-hearted but thoughtless young people born of civilized parents! Would that we all might devote more time and thought to the adornment of our hearts for the reception of our dear Saviour!

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The company has been so remarkably successful with its investments of recent years that we have felt that it can afford to be unusually conservative. We have always considered it our duty to make as good terms as possible when purchasing securities, and in this way, besides making handsome cash profits, have obtained large amounts of bonus stocks.

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