CHATS WITH YOUNG

THE SEASON OF THE NEW SPIRIT

This is the season of the new spirit—a spirit by no means new in respect to age or place in man's life, but in the sense of being revived from year to year as we step aside from the ordinary round to make room for the generous love of Christ-mas and the better hopes of the New Year. We might call it the spirit of betterness. It turns our thoughts from sordid and selfish aims to those which have for their object the liv ing of kinder and more considerate lives, and to those which tend to make us better men, so that what we do and give may be more worth

Christmas has come and gone and left in its wake the happy memories always a part of that high festival. It has put into countless hearts a new feeling toward others. It has shown again the wonderful truth of the strange statement, that we get the strange statement that we get what we give; that in order to find a thing we must lose it. Now in the east sky of Time, we see the first day-streaks of a new year. As its dawn approaches we think seriously of what we have been and what we want to be. And if our thoughts are rightly trained, they lead us to that one who lived and loved and worked

in Palestine so long ago.

In the life of Jesus Christ we find our inspiration to be better. In His gentleness, His kindliness, His jusgenueness, his kindness, and loving spirit, we see the shining example of what we should try to be. On New Year's day, as well as at Christmas, He is the chief figure in the picture which is painted by those higher yearnings that testify of the soul. Nor is there any way of preparation for the ad-vent of the new spirit so good as that of studying and contemplating the life of Christ. He was the bearer of the new spirit that has done so much to make over this old world. He it s who set love upon the highest ing us the matchless combination of loving service, which is the summit of all we may attain to in this life.

How are we to enter into this new spirit. Let an anwer be given in the simple and beautiful words of one who once ministered "In His name," and who said : Do not bother yourself too much with longings for happiness and friendship and the maybe's." Take stout hold of the joy and glory of being a little useful to some one—some way. Usefulness is splendid. If you can help any. body even a little, be glad. Up the steps of usefulness and kindness God will lead you to friendship and hap-piness. If you wish and dream and regret and wonder, you will degenerand be discouraged; if you can add any joy, strength, comfort, rest, pleasure, to lives about you your own life will be refreshed, will be more interesting and better worth the living. Turn your back on the past, for God forgives everything, and turn your face to a useful future in which God recognizes anything done in kindness, even the giving of a drink of water. Look bright to everyone, speak gently and cheerhum little tunes to yourself (and to the Lord) when you are working. Plan surprises for people. Jesus "went about doing good." So you can in your way, with His spirit. If you fill well the place where you are now be sure He will give you another place, growing larger as you grow

This is not exactly the form in commonly are couched. But the person who follows this plan will be apt to get a good deal more out of apt to get a good deal more to life—through giving a good deal more to life—than the one who sets up an impossible list of "I wills" and "I won'ts." And with this there comes the supreme satisfaction of knowing that it brings the one who tries nearer and nearer to harmony with that life which is the music of all the years and the hope of every new day.—Catholic Columbian.

opinion of the person under discus

Do you know, my lads, that old Michael is right and that there is a world of truth in that curieties at the congregation, or show even momentary forget-fulness of the great sacrifice at which it was their privilege to con-

watched a shoddily dressed man or a young fellow of their own age swaggering along, sure of his own importance and the sensation he was creating. Perhaps you were a bit envious, and wished that you, too, could have showy clothes and a diamond ring and plenty of money.

If you, too, only could be a control of the consecration rang out, Myra fell on her knees and prayed.

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But wait, lads. What is a gentle-Perhaps your idea of a gentleman is a man who has nothing to do, nothing to think of but his gentleman is a man who has nothing to do, nothing to think of but his own pleasure, no care greater than to select his own clothes and see how could we forget." Then, half that they are the correct style. You shy of having given an explanation, almost feel ashamed to have him he bounded off, and in a few minutes and assistance is a thing which the Kingdom. Men are thirsty for

manner, not rude or boorish and unrefined. So something more than you have imagined, and it really depends upon you whether or not you belong to that class. It is you and not the style of your clothing, not whether you are able to live without work or whether you must labor hard for every dollar you spend or save. It is independent of all mater-ial things—i—t is just what you are.

First of all, a gentle man. He must be courteous and kind to all to those dependent upon him as well as to those in authority over him, to his own as well as to stran-gers. The greatest test of a gentleman is—being a gentleman to your own father and mother and sisters.

A true gentleman is a gentleman at heart or he cannot be depended upon to be a gentleman at all times and in all places.—Florence Hadley in Catholic Standard and Times.

LITTLE IRRITATIONS

These are little annoyances that go with my business; and to fret about them means that I can't manage my business without friction." The man who says this every day

will escape much of the petty irrita-tion so wearing upon the patience As night comes on, some men

can't sleep and they worry about it. But Nature should be left to take care of the matter. Napoleon got along on four hours of sleep; and we have had lusty old gentlemen, who for years were well content with two hours' sleep o' nights.

At no time will things be running

to our entire satisfaction. We would not have a chance to be philto our entire satisfaction. osophers if we did not have to put up with some things.

This present worry is not to be

the last. Oh no. Think of the pro-cession of athletic worries still waiting for you around the corners of future years! But then this present worry will be forgotten, or merely a reminiscence—so that's some gain. Sursum corda!

Would you trade worries. sight, unseen," with Smith, your neighbor? You pause; you wish to worries you have may be better than

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

A LITTLE SOWER

"Myra, will you come with me to Mass to-day, as there is no Protestant church near," said a lady girl friend who was staying with her at a small seaside place.

Very well, dear, I like to go some where," was the reply; "but what will you do with the boys? They will surely get into mischief while we are away; put out to sea in a tub, or break their necks climbing the Oh, the boys," said Mrs. Weston,

they will be safe enough, I promise you. They are actually to serve the Mass to which we are going." Myra laid down her knife and fork

and looked at her friend in genuine stonishment.

'Surely you are joking ; you don't mean to tell me that those two bits of quicksilver are allowed to take part in the service! They are the sweetest boys in the world," she added quickly, "but no man or added quickly, "but no man or woman born could keep them still

Come along, and we shall see, said Mrs. Weston with a quiet smile. Half an hour after they entered the little church already nearly filled with worshippers, and made their way up quite close to the sanctuary. When the bell ceased tolling, the when the bell ceased tohing take sacristy door opened, and out came two little boys in their scarlet sou-tanes and white surplices, followed by the celebrant. With clasped by the celebrant. With clasped hands and eyes modestly cast down they preceded him to the altar, and the Mass began. Clear and distinct came the responses in the sweet childish voices, no hurry, no mumbl-

Myra Leslie watched, perfectly fascinated by what she saw and heard. Mrs. Weston's boys were known to be "A gentleman, is he. Sure then, and let him be a man first," and old Michael straightened his bent shoulders with a sage nod and a grunt of disgust that told plainly his onlying of the person under discus. as they were concerned; never once did they look about at the congrega.

so beautifully at Mass?"

Bert opened his big brown eyes

received into the Church and make my first Holy Communion on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. And, under God, I owe this great grace to Bertie and Myles. I could not set aside the impression made on me by that first Mass I was present at, nor forget Bertie's words when asked him how he managed to behave so reverently, 'How could I forget when God was so near!' thought and thought, and prayed and now the road is clear. You know how lonely I have been all my life. these things are too sacred to be these things are too sacred to be spoken of, even to you. But I want you to tell Bertie I shall ask our Lord on my First Communion day to give him a vocation to the priesthood, that he may continue to work for souls. May God bless and guard him and Myles always, and keep their child-like hearts unspoiled and uppulled."

This is a little lesson here for all the altar boys. Not, I hope, that any of you need it, but it is good to hear something which will help you to remember and value your privilege which even the angels might envy, of being allowed to minister to the ministers of God, and to be each in your own way little soweness of the your own way, little servants of the ervants of Christ.—Sacred Heart

COMING OVER TO ROME

We may be pardoned for reprinting the following notice of the service conducted in a Protestant Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, New York. The notice is taken verbatim from the New York Herald of December 1:

"St. Andrew's Day was observed as feast day in St. Paul's American Catholic Church, in Brooklyn, with special services yesterday, the occasion being the unveiling of the shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary and a life-size statue of St. Peter. Father Andrew Chalmers Wilson, the rector, preached on St. Andrew at High Mass, when the priests wore, for the first time, a gorgeous set of vestmets of Spanish red and gold cloth

which were imported recently.

"Following the sermon Father
Wilson blessed the shrine of the This is a memorial by Mrs. Edmond Burke Lombard. After the rector had blessed the shrine E. B. Lombard lighted the first candle, invoking the blessing of the Virgin upon his houshold. Each member of

the Lombard family then lighted a candle and said a Hail Mary.

"Previous to the service the life-sized statue of St. Peter also was unveiled. This is a beautiful gift of E. Crawford Sanford, junior warden of St. Paul's and was blessed at the midnight Mass, Christmas Eve."

What were the sentiments of the readers who scanned the foregoing otice in the Herald? The members of St. Andrew's parish, we venture to say, felt a thrill of exultation that public recognition was thus given to heir claim of being Catholics, not plain Catholics it is true, for that would mean Roman Catholics, but Catholics albeit with the differentiating title of American. Perhaps their eelings of exultation would be considerably modified if it were suggested that the term American as they use it cuts them off from the Church Universal, which is the Church of Rome, as effectually as the qualifying term of "Old" separates the bearers of the name "Old Catholics" from the

Father Andrew Chalmers Wilson was tickled to see himself dubbed Father. But to be termed Father no more establishes a right to the title than calling oneself po one the successor of St. Peter. Other readers, and they were numerous, smiled at the assumption. The term "Father," according to the latest unabridged Standard Dictionary, means specifically "A Roman Catholic priest who is a member of a religious fra-ternity; in the United States and Ireland also, a secular priest." But dictionaries or custom and tradition will not help us in this anomaly of dubbing oneself Father and thuming the pages of the Book of Common Prayer, authorized as the title-page declares for the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America. It requires a wonderful intellectual somersault, which only a past-master in sophistry could accomplish, to make the American Catholic Church an Algebraic equivalent for the Protestant Episcopal Church. It shows the vast capabilities of the English language that will allow the unheard of extravagance of making Protestant and Catholic synonymous and a Protestant parson the same as a

Only one comment shall we add Where is the obedience and respect due to the Protestant Episcopal Church at large which voted down at its recent convention in New York the motion to consider a change of name, or at least put off its con sideration for the present? But, after all, that is only a trifle. There

no recognized head.
Times are moving fast. What with statues and chapels to St. Peter, St. Patrick (save the mark!), St. Columba, and St. Martin of Tours we are not surprised to behold at last a statue erected in honor of the Blessed Virgin. If the Protestant Episcopal Church is to become the needs acquire some semblance to the title. Recognition of the Pope's supremacy will come in due course.
Father Andrew, probably without
knowing it, is steering his bark
straight for the Church of Rome, in which he will soon land, let us hope and pray, his confiding passengers.— E. Spillane, S. J., in America.

AN IRISH THRUSH

T. A. Daily in Philadelphia Standard and Times A traveler in the Orient-no less a personage than our own Secretary of State—tells of a quaint custom in China which will serve here as an introduction to what is to follow. It seems that the practice maintains, in parts of China, of holding a "singing contest of the larks," wherein the contest of the larks, wherein the question of the championship is settled by the birds themselves. The birds, in their cages, are brought together, and all begin to sing. Presently the first of the minstrell to realize that he is outclassed tucks his little flute under his wing and goes to sleep. One after another the weaklings drop out until one only is left, charming the

echoing air with a triumphant solo. For some time past the notes of an ears, and it's time I hid my dimin ished head. And this champion is a emale of the species!
W. M. (Winnifred Mabel) Letts is

her name, and the cage—that is to say, the book—from which her varied notes issue is a beautiful thing of green and gold, bearing at its apex the inscription "Songs from Lein-ster," and below. "David McKay, pub

lisher, Philadelphia."

I shall step aside at once and le her sing to you. Hark!

IN THE STREET

I've seen a woman kneeling down In the dirty street. An' she took no heed of her tattered

Or the broken boots on her feet; An' she took no heed of the people

Rich and poor that would stand and At a woman kneeling in prayer In the street

For the thing that she spied At the back of the great shop win dow pane

Was a cross with a Figure crucified. She took no heed of the driving rain An' thim that would turn to look She took no heed of the noisy street,

knelt down there at her Saviour's feet. matter at all what the place might be?

To one poor soul it was Calvary. And here is a song so racy of the soil that the fragrance clings to the

"branches of the mind" long after the last note drips to silence. A SOFT DAY A soft day, thank God! A wind from the south With a honeyed mouth;
A scent of drenching leaves.

Briar and beech and lime, White elder-flower and thyme And the soaking grass smells sweet Crushed by my two bare feet, While the rain drips, Drips, drips, drips from the eaves. A soft day, thank God! The hills wear a shroud

Of silver cloud; The web the spider weaves Is a glittering net; The woodland path is wet, And the soaking earth smells sweet Under my two bare feet, And the rain drips, Drips, drips, drips from the leaves.

HALF TRUTHS

Half truths are generally interesting and always misleading. A recent utterance of Dr. Robert Speer Protestant parson the Catholic priest.

However, there is no sham or pretence about the setting up of a teers, in Kansas City, is no exception to this rule. His assertion that the statue to the Blessed Mother of God, accomplished in this general missing candles and of reciting statue to the Blessed Mother of God, of lighting candles and of reciting the Hail Mary. The Catholic Church, Roman Catholic if you will, claims no monopoly of devotion to the saints or of the pious practices in use among her children. The Church of Rome from the beginning why, has vindicated her claim to be the weary of paganism. An upheaval is catholic Church par excellence, and the nature of her organization and mission demands such vindication. and assistance is a thing which the Church teaches is good for all, water which springs unto eternal almost feel ashamed to have him look at you, for your clothing is much inferior in quality and a different cut and probably you have earned them yourself. You dream of the day when you, too, will be able to wear fashionable clothing and be designated as a gentleman.

But what does the word gentleman really mean. Let me see. The dictionary tells us that a gentleman is one who belongs to a good family—of good birth and breeding, also one who is kind and gentle in his in the fold, as well as those out of it, saints and sinners alike, for those in the fold, as well as those out of it, saints and sinners alike, for those in the fold, as well as for her own children, whether good or bad. It is agood sign when even Protestant Episco-palians set up and bless with the gian of salvation statues of the Queen of Heaven that were ruthing in instruction. In fact I hope to be in the fold, as well as for her own children, whether good or bad. It is agood sign when even Protestant Episco-palians set up and bless with the gian of salvation statues of the Queen of Heaven that were ruthing instruction. In fact I hope to be in the fold, as well as for her own children, whether good or bad. It is agood sign when even Protestant Episco-palians set up and bless with the gian set up and bless with the gian set up and bless with the gian set up and bless with the water which springs unto eternal the Church teaches is good for all, saints and sinners alike, for those in the fold, as well as for her own children, whether good or bad. It is agood sign when even Protestant Episco-palians set up and bless with the Ghurch teaches is good for all, saints and sinners alike, for those in the fold, as well as for her own children, whether good or bad. It is agood sign when even Protestant Episco-palians set up and bless with the Ghurch teaches is good for all, saints and sinners alike, for those in the fold, as well as for her own children, whether good or bad. It is agood sign when even Protestant Episco-palians set up and bless with the Church

ander one shepherd. This is Christ's prayer, this is Christ's promise Neither the one nor the other wil fail. Calvary is our witness.—Amer-

AN EPISCOPALIAN MARRIAGE CASE

During the Protestant Episcopa Convention, held in New York about three months ago, the Catholic Church was vituperated for presum-ing to have a marriage law of its own. The convention had not been closed very long before Episcopalians of New York were startled at seeing a gentleman, who had been set free by the civil law, married to a new bride in one of their own churches by one of their own clergy. Some asked an explanation, and were told by the clergyman involved that the matter has been referred to Bishop, with whose approval he had officiated at the marriage in question. This does not seem to have stopped discussion in New York and elsewhere; for an Episcopalian periodical appealed lately to its readers to trust the Bishop, giving these two reasons why they should do so, that he had consulted a lawyer and that in such matters he is extremely con-

scientious.
We do not for a moment challenge the conscient ousness of all concerned, the Bishop, the clergyman, the bridegroom and the bride; but we think Episcopalians would be better off, if in such matters they had something more stable to rely on than counsel's opinion and the Bishop's conscientiousness. We have the greatest respect for the legal profession. But it one wishes to build a great bridge he does not consult a mining engineer, nor if about to construct a system of waterworks does he quite ignore the hydraulic en in sunshiny weather.

gineer. Similarly, in matters of ecclesiastical law one does not go to one however learned in civil The Bishop's conscience will not supply for his deficiency in science. How much more satisfactory would it have been had the Bishop been able to refer the case to a curia of own, the members of which, learned in the letter of the law and precedents governing its application, could have given him a clear, authoritative decision on its merits. This was im

rudimentary.

The fact is that Christian marriage is one thing: marriage as viewed by the civil law is altogether another. The case we have quoted shows that no body of Christians can defend Christian marriage without a definite body of law on the subject. To those acquainted with the case we would say : think of all the distinctions it may have involved, between what was antecedent to the original marriage and what was consequent, be-tween the absolute and the relative, between the antecedent doubt and the consequent, between the doubt concerning the law and the doubt concerning the fact. Hitherto, Episcopalians, earnestly as they may de sire to defend Christian marriage have been unable to do so efficac ously, just because they have no real aw on the subject. There must have been some among them to compre hend this. If they can not induce their less understanding brethren to consent to legislation on the subject, at least they may restrain such from reviling the Catholic Church because it has its Christian law on the mat-

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