CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE PLUGGER

He isn't very brilliant and his pace There's nothing very flashy in his

style; He has to dig and labor for the things

day by day,
And the stars get all the mention
and the fame,
But the patient, steady plugger in a just the same.

He's a quiet sort of fellow and he's backward in his speech,
You'd never find him clamoring for

plause; listen to another who has anything to teach.

never worries working for a cause. He may take a little longer with the task he has to do,
Than the genius whose talents seem

to run, But you'll find the patient plugger at the finish coming through, And there's merit in his labor when

He is slow in getting started, he must know the reason why Certain things occur within a cer-

tain way; There is nothing in his method to attract the passer by, And at times you'd think he's wasted many a day,

But when brilliant men have faded light, When the clever men have stumbled in despair,

When the great have come to failure with the goal they sought in sight,

You'll find the patient plugger getting there. -EDGAR A. GUEST

BE OF GOOD CHEER

Of all things that tend to bring friends and keep them together, cheerfulness is one of the best, for who is it that doesn't like to be with person who is always lively, agreeable, and cheerful-who greet's you

with a hearty clasp of the hand, a bright smile, and cheery "Hello!" It pays to be cheerful; pays in many ways. A cheerful person is sure to have a bright, open face, a face that inspires confidence. One who is cheerful does not grumble over every little misfortune and dis-

Some people never seem cheerful and happy. They are always com-plaining of their hard lot, always looking on the dark side, constantly groaning over some ill-imaginary or otherwise — that has long since passed, and are never contented. Such persons are scarcely ever liked, and rarely succeed. But, take a person who, with head erect, eyes sparkling, and a smile playing around his mouth, when he pitches into his business, he's bound to succeed if there is any success in it. If reverses come, if subjected to the multitude of trials and vexations, petty and great, that all men must experience, instead of sitting down and whining he will give it "one big thought," and then pitch in again, confiding and cheerful as ever : he will come "right side up" in the end. le like all cheerful persons, while those who are despondent have

but few friends.

Be as cheerful as you can, therefore, under all circumstances. Your troubles and cares will fade into insignificance and you and those about velvet-clad, moved softly up and you will find life less hard and more down the steps of an altar. His you will find life less hard and more endurable.—The Echo.

discourse. To vice, the virtue of the palace. The leader was personating good is a reproach more emphatic his uncle, a learned and holy prelate. than any that language could ex-press.

Presently the door opened, and for a moment a lady looked upon the

course, more powerful. An ordinary more than name and never was a man's going to week day Mass will mother's prayer more fully answered.

men and women are sell tollowing when Francis was old enough to have bad example, and still neglecting the worship of God to bow down before idols, one of the most powerful influences in the human mind is the Under such teachers Francis made that they need a result of the most powerful influences in the human mind is the Under such teachers Francis made that they are made are active to the control of the most powerful influences in the human mind is the tollowing the most powerful influences. fooled ourselves.

But, a curious thing is, that the example of others is so powerful an influence that it draws us to do things that we do not desire to do. That is a strange thing, strange, yet, unquestionably true. Men and women even sometimes sin without any particular desire to do so, merely because it is fashionable to do so.

A certain book is bad; it is rotten, recking; it is undoubtedly a sin to he wants to know
And ha's busy learning something
all the while,

read it, since all such books are prohibited by the Church under her
power to shut off the occasions of all the while.

The clever men go by him in a hurry day by day.

And the stars get all the mention and the fame.

But the patient, steady plugger in a will follow the fashion and read it; thorough sort of way

Keeps on going and he gets there

Many people who do not want parenough to make one askamed that ticularly to read a dirty book, will read it just to do as others do or are

said to be doing.

The same is true of other matters. Catholic women will go about half-dressed because the fashion is, at the moment, to display as much of one's person as the police will tolerate. And excesses in other respects are very often the effect of bad example, rather than of any deep seated desire to be sinful.

Need we remark that the most powerful and most injurious of all bad example is that given by parents to their children. It takes almost a miracle of God to save children who get bad example in the home. True, sometimes good children come out of such homes. God can do it. He took helpless saints unharmed out of the jaw of lions, and out of many places fatal to them but for His Mighty hand.

But the thing to expect, from homes where parents scandalize their children, is, a childhood cheated and the stars have lost their and robbed of all-moral beauty and a manhood given over to sin.-The

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

COME UP SMILING Come up smiling Laugh and grin;

Cheerfulness The past is gone, Today is here Greet new worries With a cheer.

Come up smiling.

The world's a stage, Pick out a seat ; No one ever Does just right : Come to and fight. Come up smiling,

Life's too great To waste your time In cussing fate. As best as you can, . And you will be A happy man.

THE MUSIC OF AN ANGEL'S SONG Kind words are the music of the world. They have a power which seems to be beyond natural causes, as if they were some angel's song which had lost its way and come on

earth, and sang undyingly, smiting the hearts of men with sweetest wounds, and putting for the while an angelic nature injus. Hard words, on the other hand, are like hail. stones in summer, beating down and destroying what they would nourish were they melted into drops. ST. FRANCIS BORGIA

One sunny morning, in a palace in Gandia, in Valencia, a little boy, will find life less hard and more endurable.—The Echo.

BAD EXAMPLE

Nothing so easily inclines to virtue, nothing so powerfully attracts to vice, as the conduct of those around us. The virtuous behaviour of a good man is a thousand times more impressive than the most eloquent of the surpressive than the steps of an altar. His come her children to her sacred enclosure.

In the course of a sermon on, "Are the Protestant Churches bying?" preached in New York on the last Sunday in June, Dr. Straton pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, paid the following tribute to the course of a sermon on, "Are the Protestant Churches bying?" preached in New York on the last Sunday in June, Dr. Straton pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, paid the following tribute to the course of a sermon on, "Are the Protestant Churches bying?" preached in New York on the last Sunday in June, Dr. Straton pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, paid the following tribute to the course of a sermon on, "Are the Protestant Churches bying?" preached in New York on the last Sunday in June, Dr. Straton pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, paid the following tribute to the course of a sermon on, "Are the Protestant Churches bying?" preached in New York on the last Sunday in June, Dr. His impressive than the most eloquent the morning in the chapel of the discourse. To vice, the virtue of the palace. The leader was personating All the crime, vice, profligacy in the world have been propagated and confirmed by example. Wee to that man, says Christ, by whom scandal cometh; better were it for him that a millstone were tied about his neck, and he ware cest into the say. mat's going to week-day mass will not be much remarked upon; but when General Foch does it, it is taiked of all over the world. On the other hand, if General Foch were a bad man, many a man would take courage from his example and follow him in his bad habits.

The mother's prayer more fully answered.

From his earliest years, Francis Borgia, loved God and His Blessed Mother. "Jesus," "Mary," were the first words he spoke. While other children played with toys, Francis made little altars, and tried to iminin his bad habits.

The mother's prayer more fully answered.

Continuing, he said: "Within our own Baptist denomination, for example, there are twelve churches that have gone out of existence. We now have left only one self-supporting Baptist church on the eastern half of Manhattan Island from the left of Manhattan Island from the Batter.

It is many many centuries since the chosen people of God, the Israelites, were induced by bad example and by the desire to have the favor of an idolatrous prince, to neglect their duty of going to Jerusalem there to adore the true God, to go elsewhere to worship an idol; but men and women are still following bad example, and still neglecting the worship of God to bow down before

knowledge that other people are acting in a certain way. When the example, by reason of numbers or of the distinction of those who give it, is in accord with our own personal the distinction of those who give it, is in accord with our own personal ready he understood that the will of inclinations we rush joyfully to follow it; it becomes our cloak, our means of pretending that we have were still with him.

Political difficulties obliged the Dake of Gandia to fiee from the fown, to Saragossa, where he placed Francis under the care of the arch-bishop who was the boy's uncle, his mother's brother. Here again, the first thought in regard to education was that it sh should be The archbishop Christian. proud of his young nephew's fine mind, scholarly attainments, and polished address, but these alone do not make a man. The soul must be the guiding force, and so he trained the youth in virtue and holiness. The result of this training was evident when Francis was given a household of his own to govern.

The emperor of Spain looked with favor upon the young nobleman, and aided his father, Duke John, to bring about a marriage between Francis and Eleanor de Castro, a Portuguese lady of high rank, and, better still, of high character. Their family life was beautiful and holy Eight children was born to them and in various ways aided their parents' zealous labors for God Francis presided over a true Christian home. There were appointed nours for the daily Mass, family prayer, good reading; and always the saintly master was ready to advise and encourage his dependents. The fashionable vices of the court circle were sternly denounced by Francis. He used to say that gaming caused men to lose four things-money time, devotion to God, and con

By the death of his father, Franbecame fourth Duke of Gandia His new honors but served to pro mote his plans for God's service, and on the death of the Lady Eleanor, Duke Francis, then thirty six years old, decided to consecrate the rest of his life entirely to religion. Legally resigning his title and estate to his eldest son, after providing for his other children, the Dake retired for a period of years—spent in study and prayer—at the end of which he put on the habit of St. Ignatius, and thereafter led the life of the perfect religious. The humblest duties were most pleasing to him, and only obe-dience made him accept the office of General of the Order, in 1565. He died as he had lived, like a saint. In our Lady's month of October, the tenth day is set apart in honor of St. Francis Borgia, who had so holily filled his place in the world and in the Church.—Sacred Heart Review.

THE CHURCH'S OPEN

during the summer months. They remain away from church because the weather is too hot or because the "call of the wild" cannot be resisted and the early Sunday morning hours are the best for fishing, motoring or other forms of amuse.

The consequence has been that France has played a role of supreme importance both in European and Asiatic ment which, at another time, would Turkey.

be quite legitimate.

the week, the portals stand inviting. set forth in the "Etudes" for June ly open and the passerby may drop 5, 1919, should be remembered in sleeps, but is always ready to wel-come her children to her sacred en-

far more consistent service to their convictions than many of our Pro-testant churches. Some complain succeed.'

cause it was "burying churches and merging them with other churches season of the year when the best work might be done for God's King-

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Straton should afford non-Catholics tage of the continuous opportunities for religious worship afforded by the Church that never sleeps. Above all, they should make a certain class of Catholics more attentive to their religious duties on Sunday and more careful not to give scandal or bad example by absenting them-selves from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in order to indulge in forms of amusement or recreation that interfere with the prescribed observance of the Lord's day.—Catholic Bulletin.

FRANCE'S TRUEST FRIEND

From present indications it would appear that the Peace Conference will leave France shorn of a great deal of prestige in the Orient. The pre eminence of influence which has been hers for centuries seems destined to disappear on account of the new parti ion of territory which will make for an increase of British, and perhaps also for American influence, but will leave France in a position much inferior to that which it possessed at the beginning of the War. The blame is laid on the French Government which has failed to get justice from the Allied Powers. marked contrast to this failure is the attitude of the Papacy, which has continued to use the whole weight of ts authority to preserve undiminished the glory of the French Catholic Protectorate in the Orient. This is the more remarkable in face of the offense given the Vatican by the French Government. Leo XIII., Pius X., and Benedict XV. bave invariably guaranteed to France against all There are many Christians, and among them not a few Catholics, who deem it no harm to take a matter what nation, with the Ottoclaimants the exclusive right to vacation from religious exercises man Government, as for instance during the summer months. They again William II. of Germany in for instance 1898. In doing this they were follow ing the example set them by their sequence has been that France has played a role of supreme importance both in European and Asiatic

Then, too, many Protestant churches close their doors during the summer months while the minister in charge takes a vacation, 1901 and 1904, for the rup) ure of 1904. If worldly wisdom had prevailed the summer months while the minister in charge takes a vacation, leaving his people without a shepherd and without the usual opportunities to satisfy the religious obligations imposed upon them during the rest of the year.

the Congregation in 1904, for the ruplure of diplomatic relations in 1904, for the spoliation of ecclessistical property in 1905. The Holy See, however, made a clear distinction between religious France and official France and persisted in This depth never closes her doors. Not only on its traditional attitude. This fact Sunday but during all the days of for which documentary evidence is its traditional attitude. This fact in from time to time to worship his estimating the value of anti-clerical Creator. Even non-Catholics admit that the Catholic Church never Pope has not been the friend of

The vacation season is passing rap "I am glad of the fact that the Catholics never shut up shop from may be before you which ought to be the Cathedral down to the humblest parish in this city. They continue their activities twelve months of the their activities twelve months of the taken up this year? Sound Catholic education is an absolute essential to year. I am altogether opposite from sipister restlessness in the air; and them in all my religious thoughts, daily one is confronted with the but I do say in frankness and honesty
that they are giving to the city a
that they are giving to the city a
which leaves great masses of the which leaves great masses of the population at the mercy of leaders who have little or no moral sense and no respect for any authority now amilistone were tied about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

The example of those who are more conspicuously in view, is, of course, more powerful. An ordinary course, more powerful course, an appeal to popular passion, accom-panied with glittering promises of impossible things; the whole based upon the human desire for more now have left only one self-supportion based upon religion is essential ing Baptist church on the eastern if mad experiments in sociology are to be avoided; and if large bodies of the people are not to be led to abandon the realities of religion and to because it is buttressed by helpful endowments given by the conseof the glamour of the promise of ease

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and happiness in this life. To the end of the world, the uneducated man will food for reflection and they should stimulate Catholics to take advan man who is educated. that, he will be at the mercy of the man who has the outward appear ances of being educated. Catholic parents who have boys and girls of an age to take a college education ought to consider carefully where their duty The Catholic Church is needed by the world more, perhaps, than ever before; and the Catholic Church needs first, vocations to the priesthood and the religious life; teachers; and lastly, educated lay men fit and equipped to represent it and to explain it, and to extend its influence in the world. Consider the matter carefully. In some way or other, your boy should be educated. He should, if possible, be given a good general education, and a special education in some way. sducation in some useful branch of the world's work. The usefulness of good, sound general education is great in one walk of life another-speaking generally. All occupations are equally honourable; and a machinist may to day have a sound general education without thinking it necessary to try to force himself to be a lawyer or a physician. The old idea was that if a boy went to a college, he must enter one of cer-tain professions. That is now recognized to be nonsense. A few years in college ought not to lead any young man to turn his back on any useful occupation for which he may feel fitted. The man in overalls has just as much use for a general educa-tion as the man in a lawyer's gown; and mechanics who read the best magazines and have good libraries in their homes will one day be as common as half-illiterate mechanics ar to day. If the wide dissemination of education necessarily led to a constant emptying of the ranks of the trades to overflow the crowded ranks of the professions, we should not advocate such general dissemination of knowledge. But though that has been seen in the past, we regard it as a passing phase; and, we hope, nearly passed. The time is coming, let us hope, when education will be valued for its own sake as well as for the worldly advantages which it may or may not lead to. The fuller mind, the broader outlook, the power to see error, the ability to state truth, the joy of thinking the happiness of thinking aright,—these are the bene-fits of education; not the chance of sarning enough money to buy an automobile or to build a big and

lonesome house. It is upon such broad lines that parents should think of the future of their children; and it is with such a horizon before their eyes, and not in a mere flutter of utilitarian hopes and dreams, that a young man should approach the college doors.—The

Do not hesitate to take others into your counsels. One head knows just enough for one head, and no two



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