CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

To Be Great Is To Be Misunderstood.

The present is but the sum total of the dreaming of the ages that have gone before—the dream of the past made real—the conveniences, facilities, luxuries, the improvements, which have emancipated us from much of the drudgery and the slavery of the past. Our great ocean liners, our marvelous tunnels, our magnificent bridges, our schools, our universities, our hospitals, our libraries, our cosmopolitan cities, with their vast facilities and comforts and beauties of art, are all the result of somebody's dreams.

We hear a great deal of talk about the impracticality of dreamers, of people whose heads are among the stars while their feet are on the earth; but where would civilization be to day but for the dreamers? We should still be riding in the stage-coach or tramping across continents. We should still cross the ocean in sailing ships, and our letters would be carried across continents by the pony express. "It can not be done," cries the man without imagination. "It can be done, it can be done," cries the dreamer, and he persists in his dreams through all sorts of privations even to the point of starvation, if necessary, until his visions, his inventions, his discoveries, his ideas for the betterment of the race, are accomplished.

What a picture the dreamer Columbus presented as he went about exposed to continual scoffs and indignities, characterized as an adventurer, the very children taught to regard him as a madman and pointing to their foreheads as he passed! He dreamed of a world beyond the seas, and, in spite of unspeakable obstacles, his vision became a glorious reality.

He died a neglected beggar, although his dreams had enriched the world, while a pickle dealer of Seville gave his name to the mighty continent Columbus had discovered. But was this Genoese dreamer a failure? Ask more than a hundred million people who inhabit the vast wilderness, the greatest continent the sun ever shown upon, if this dreamer was a failure!

It was the men who saw the marvelous Hoe press in the hand press a quarter of a century ahead of their contemporaries that made modern journalism possible. Without these dreamers our printing would still be done by hand. It was men who were denounced as visionaries who practically annihilated space and enabled us to converse and transact business with people thousands of miles away as though they were in the same building with us.

How many matter-of-fact, unimaginative men, who see only through practical eyes, would it take to replace in civilization, an Edison, a Bell, or a Marconi?

The very practical people tell us that the imagination is all well enough in artists, musicians, and poets, but that it has little value in leaders of men have been dreamers. Our great captains of industry, our merchant princes, have had powerful, prophetic imaginations. They had faith in the vast commercial possibilities of our people. If it had not been for our dreamers, the American population would still be hugging the Atlantic coast.

The most practical people in the world are those who can look far into the future and see the civilization yet to be, who can see the coming man emancipated from the present-day narrowing, hampering fetters and limitations, superstitions, men who have the ability to foresee things to come with the power to make them realities. The dreamers have ever been those who have achieved the seemingly impossible.—O. S. M. in Success.

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Men who are not afraid to take chances; who are afraid of failure.
Men of courage, who are not cowards in any part of their natures.
Men who are larger than their business; who overtop their vocation.
Men who will give thirty six inches for a yard, and thirty-two quarts for a bushel.
Men who will not have one brand of honesty for business purposes and another for private life.
Young men who will be true to their highest ideals in spite of the sneers and laughter of their companions.

The Man of Cheer.

We love the man with the smile, the man with the roses on his tongue, the man who sees your boy's dirty face but mentions his bright eyes, who notices your shabby coat but praises your studious habits, the man who sees all the faults but whose tongue is quick to praise and slow to blame. We like to meet a man whose smile will light up dreariness, whose, voice is full of the music of the birds, whose handshake is an inspiration, and his "God bless you!" a benediction. He makes us forget our trouble as the raven's dismal croak is forgotten when the wood thrush or the brown trasher begins. God bless the man of cheer!—Catholic Universe.

If Jesus allowed His own most holy Mother to be grievously afflicted in this world; if He allowed her to be often in tribulation, to endure great anguish of soul, and to shed many tears, how canst thou expect to live in this world free from trials?

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Talks to Boys.

Many boys do not realize the importance of giving a good example. To give a good example means to act in such a manner as to edify others, to induce them by our actions to do right and practice virtue. What great an amount of good can a boy not do by giving a good example? While, on the contrary, how much can he not spoil by a bad example?

Dear boys, wherever you may be and whatever you may do, be sure always and everywhere to give a good example. Remember, others are watching you. They will take good notice of you. Their actions will depend on yours. If your actions are good, theirs will be so, too.

You have little brothers and sisters at home. Are you always careful to give them a good example? They will, as a rule, be as you are. They will imitate you. Your actions will make a lasting impression on them, you are their leader, their guide. They will follow you. Do you always lead them on the right path? Do you truly edify them? Is your example worth imitating? How much depends on a good example right here among your immediate surroundings? If you are harsh and disrespectful to your parents they will be so, too. If you steal, lie, use bad language, and have all sorts of wicked habits about you, and they know it they will do the same and acquire the same bad habits. How many a boy who had a good heart has been led astray and totally corrupted by the bad example of his elder brother?

And again, you are Catholic boys. Do you always act, speak as such? Do you not know that others are looking up to you as their models? Do you not know that non-Catholics are watching you to see how you conduct yourself? They surely expect only good from you, you who ought to know the law of God and His Church, most perfectly and keep it most conscientiously. Are you giving a good example? If not, what will they think? What comparisons will they make? On whom will they cast the blame?

What a wonderful influence you can exert in a company of boys by giving a good example! A few good boys in a school who give a good example can make the entire school better. A few such in a society of boys can wield such a power over the rest that all will be anxious to imitate them, to do good and practice virtue. "Examples draw," the proverb says. It is quite true, indeed. They influence others most wonderfully; they induce others to imitate: they almost force others to follow.

What great apostles of good you can be boys, by giving a good example everywhere! Our Lord admonishes us to let our light shine before men, so that they may see our good work, (Matt. 5, 16.) It is His will that our influence should make itself felt by those around us; that by our light we should illumine the darkness, and become teachers and guides to our brethren.—The Rev. M. Klasen.

Beauty of Modesty.

There is an unspeakable beauty in modesty that even the wicked admire. The blush that crimsons the brow of the innocent, mysteriously comes as a mantle to shield the pure soul from even an impure breath, or a wanton glance. The lily is the Scriptural emblem of the modestly pure. How pure and beautiful is the lily above all the blossoms of the valley, fairest of fair flowers? How wondrously beautiful is modesty in woman! How she wins all hearts until she is looked upon with a feeling akin to reverence! She seems an angel upon earth. Modesty is becoming in all. The eye of God turns upon the modestly pure with a divine pleasure. The angels throng about them jubilant as children. God loves them, and the angels love them because purity is a wonderful grace. It is a pearl of great price. At the resurrection the pure will shine with a light surpassing all others. Their lives here sanctify the places wherein they move or dweli, and dangers are averted and blessings come, because God's place is turned towards their abiding place. Solomon once wrote: "O, how beautiful to be pure if we love God above all things." St. Paul says; "Our God is a consuming fire." His love burns away the dross of every unworthy affection. To be pure we must love infinite purity. If you love Him you will scorn to love anything else. Strive with your whole might to be pure. "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God." — Philip O'Neil, in Catholic Mirror.

Be Sympathetic.

We must all realize that this life is full of sorrow, and if you personally have had the good luck to escape your share of it you are very fortunate.

But do not on that account allow yourself to grow cold hearted and unsympathetic to others.

Those poor people. Their lot is often so hard, so lonely, so full of misery.

We are here to "heal the wounds and bind the broken heart" and the only way we can do this is by being kind, loving and sympathetic.

A few words of love will do more to help a sufferer than money sometimes, for heartsickness is much harder to help than hunger and poverty. Show interest in others; try to help them; go out of your way to lighten the burden of the heavily laden.

Do not hesitate to whisper your kindly thoughts in their ears. Don't pass by on the "other side." If you are strong, then be merciful.

Remember that we all look at life from different standpoints, and what might appear like a grain of mustard seed in your path for you, is an almost insurmountable obstacle to your weaker sister.

The more she shrinks the more necessity for you to step in and help her on her way with genuine sympathy and loving sisterly words and acts. — Church Progress.

The devil is never worried about a scarcity of help.

THE RECITATION OF GRACE AT A FAMILY TABLE.

PRAYERS ESTABLISHED BY CHURCH AND COMMENDED TO FAITHFUL FOR DAILY USE AT HOME.

The Church has established prayers which should be said before and after meals. In religious communities these prayers are always said, and are somewhat long. But for the faithful generally, the Church has made them so short that even the most simple people can and should say them always before and after meals. The prayer before the meal is this: "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts we are about to receive through Thy most gracious bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary . . ." And when the meal is over, we should say: "We thank Thee, O Lord, for these Thy gifts through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary . . ."

That is not so much to ask from any one of us for the food that nourishes our body. And yet how few there are who ask God's blessing on the food they are about to eat or to thank him for the victuals they have eaten.

It certainly seems that many a quarrel and many a complaint made about the food, or the way it is cooked or served, would be averted if the blessing of God had descended upon the eaters and their food before the meal began, and again, that better health and more peace in the family would result if all when they got up from the table would say, in all sincerity of heart: "We thank Thee, O Lord, for these Thy gifts." And they are God's gifts. Do not forget this, dear brethren, whatever comes to us is from God. The sun with all its power to make us bright and cheerful as the rain that helps the earth to give us the fruits and vegetables we need, both are the result of God's providential ways, and we must be grateful to Him for sunshine and rain.

Away with all complaints about the weather, and away with all fault-finding about our food, and let us be more generous in our thanking God for rain or shine, and let us establish in every household the Catholic practice of saying the grace before and after meals. Begin it to-day at dinner. Let the head of the family lead the prayer before and after every meal. Await the results! We promise you that God's blessing will follow. Begin to day.—Catholic Transcript.

A MAN OF POWER.

AN AMERICAN WRITER'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE POPE'S SECRETARY OF STATE.

Vance Thompson, an American magazine writer who has interviewed most of the famous men of the world, has never been impressed by any of them as he has by Cardinal Merry del Val, the Papal Secretary of State. In an article in the current number of Everybody's Magazine he reports an interview with the Cardinal on the religious persecution in France and thus describes the personality of the young prelate whom events have made a world-figure:

"The Cardinal is the most modern of men; the Romans know him only as the great Secretary of State — that State constituted by 250,000,000 of the faithful. They see him when he drives abroad in his old world coach, drawn by black stallions. Those who know the man will tell you what a good game of golf he plays, how he can send a rifle bullet through a ten-cent piece at twenty yards.

"These are things worth knowing about a really great man. And Merry del Val is moreover, an accomplished man. He speakes all languages. His English is perfect; he is a finished scholar, an extremly fine diplomatist, a rare judge of men.

"I have met most of the strong men of the world and judged them as one may; but I have never been face to face with a man of such essential power. That is the impression you take away; calm power. There is no imperial hysteria; there is nothing strenuous and ill-balanced. You feel yourself in the presence of what the scientists call 'intra-atomic energy'—something beautiful and still and irresistibly strong. And this is interesting and important, because to Cardinal Merry del Val is committed the conduct of the battle now being waged in Europe for God and the ideal.

"Of all the men in high place he is the youngest. He was born in London of distinguished Spanish Irish parentage, in 1865. Before he was thirty-nine years of age he was a Cardinal; a year later he was made Cardinal Secretary of State. In his hands was placed the greatest administrative trust that any man holds upon earth. Pius X. as the Romans are fond of saying, is a holy Pope; it is upon his Secretary of State that the burden of the visible Church has been laid. And he has entered upon a great battle for liberty, perhaps the most important battle fought in France since the days of Clovis."

ST. JOSEPH, MODEL FOR ALL.

St. Joseph is called in the inspired pages of Holy Writ a "just man," and so he is a model that is to be imitated. What were his characteristics? They were great humility, great purity, great love of God, and these three qualities are to be nurtured in our hearts, if we are to be found worthy of our Christian heritage. Great humility! how easy it seems, and yet how difficult! Satan, self-love, the world, everything prompts us to pride and so humility finds it difficult to hold a place in our hearts to any great degree or for any considerable time. It ought to be easy to be humble, since there is so much reason to despise self, for what have we but sin that we call our own; all else in us belongs to God; and so "since we have received all we have," as the scriptures say, "why should we boast as if we have not received it"? For this virtue of humility we must pray always, and we should do all we can to keep humble and lowly before God. Such was St. Joseph in his life; such all should be. Great purity characterized St. Joseph. He was the worthy guardian of his Immaculate Virgin spouse, for he was consecrated to an angelic life. Purity was the lily-like flower of his great humility. It was the reward of his self-abasement, for reducing himself to abject nothingness, he drew his spiritual life from God who is purity itself. How much he must have enjoyed of the continual presence of God, since our Lord Himself declared, "Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God." It is purity, spotless purity, that should be the virtue that should shine in the countenance of every Christian man and woman. It should be the mark that would distinguish them from all the rest of mankind. It comes easy to those who desire it, for God and all His angels and saints are on the side of those who resolve to die rather than cease to be pure. It is that virtue which makes one specially loved of our Lord, and He bestows upon those possessing it, special marks of His affection, as He did to St. Joseph, honoring him with the dignity of being His father—father and protector of His Virgin Mother.

The third virtue in which St. Joseph excelled was his great love of God. This was the source and spring of the other two and of that perfection of life that merited for him the title of "just man." His love of God was founded upon the remembrance of his own existence, viz.: that God made him, and, therefore, he should love Him. Love and serve Him always and in all things with the fullness of his power. It is love that always binds the true man to his God and makes the fulfilling of His commandments a pleasant and easy task. It is love of God that raises a man up above mere earthly things and causes him to find joy and happiness in communing with His Maker, to the forgetfulness of self and low, corrupt nature. This is the love that enchants both heart and mind and fills the soul with a joy that was such as David felt when he begged God desist, so overpowering his love, for he was almost beside himself with joy, with the ecstasies it was causing him. Let us imitate St. Joseph in his love that we, too, may know for ourselves the fullness of its joy. Good St. Joseph, pray for us that we may have the grace to imitate thy virtues and be like to thee, "just" before the Lord.—Bishop Colton in Catholic Union and Times.

THE TONGUE.

A man cannot ride or drive or guide a horse without a bridle. A bridle for the tongue is just as necessary for those who wish to guide themselves properly. We are told in Holy Scripture that the tongue is a world of iniquity and that those who offend not by the tongue are perfect. From the way that some people rush on in their talk, one would think that the priest who baptized them forgot to put salt on their tongue. Thomas a Kempis says in the "Following of Christ": "I was often sorry for saying too much, but never for saying too little." If some people who are fluent only stuttered they would have more time to think and then would say less. "Deep rivers move in silence; shallow brooks are noisy."—Cleveland Universe.

We call mania a neighbor's habit that differs from our own. — E. Marbeau.

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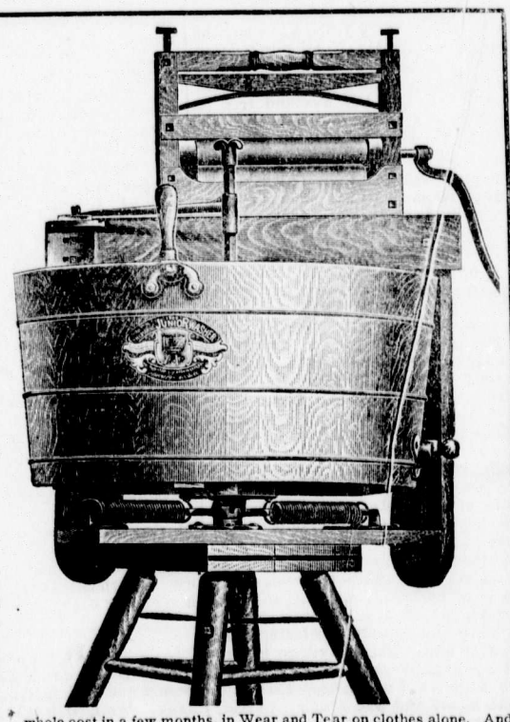

A MAN tried to sell me a horse, once. He said it was a fine horse and had nothing the matter with it. I wanted a fine horse. But, I didn't know anything about horses much. And, I didn't know the man very well, either.

So I told him I wanted to try the horse for a month. He said "all right, but pay me first, and I'll give back your money if the horse isn't all right."

Well, I didn't like that. I was afraid the horse wasn't "all right" and that I might have to whistle for my money if I once parted with it. So I didn't buy the horse although I wanted it badly. Now this set me thinking.

You see I make Washing Machines—the "1900 Junior" Washer.

And, as I said to myself, lots of people may think about my Washing Machines as I thought about the horse, and about the man who owned it.

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So said I, to myself, I'll just do with my "1900 Junior" Washer what I wanted the man to do with the horse. Only, I won't wait for people to ask me. I'll offer to do it first, and I'll "make good" the offer every time. That's how I sold 200,000 Washers.

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