#### **DECEMBER** 21, 1918

## CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

## " A MERRY CHRISTMAS '

"A merry Christmas" is the wish I

nd thee from my heart, A life all full of love, in which no sorrow finds a part,

Or, if some pain fall to thy lot, love guarded though it be, May He who came at this glad time

then make it bless'd to thee. Sound over all waters, reach out

from all lands

stars of the morn ; Sing songs of the angels when Jesus

was born ! -WHITTIER

HOW TO MAKE A MERRY

CHRISTMAS

A merry Christmas will be yours if you forget yourself in service to your

neighbor. A merry Christmas will be yours if you keep within your means by not yielding to the love of display in the

giving of gifts. A merry Christmas will be yours if

you do not live in enmity with be yours if you do not live in enmity with your neighbor, nor goesip about the kinks in his character. A merry Obristmas will be yours if

ou give to the Lord in the person of They all exclaimed : His poor.

A merry Christmas will be yours if you bring your best society manners

to the home circle. A merry Christmas will be yours if you can say, "Thy will be done,"

and mean it A merry Christmas will be yours if you begin the day in the spirit of the Church by a worthy recep ion of the Sacraments.—Catholic Columbian.

WHAT A YOUNG MAN CAN DO FOR XMAS

What can a young man do for Christ at Christmas? There are a thousand and one ways that a young man can use, so as to please Jesus. He can be industrious, self denying chaste, sober, kind, generous, consid srate, truthful, etc., etc., for the Lord's sake. He can make sacrifices of his own earthly inclinations. He can give up hope of temporal advan-tage. He can look to eternity for his ward

A young man who resolves to lead a clean life and to save his soul, cost what it may, has two principles of right conduct that will help him to get to Heaven. His course will run straight to that goal, if he is faithful to his principles. He will make progress in the practice of the virtue of purity and will let nothing lead him off the high road that goes straight to everlasting life. Everything else eve. is second, subordinate, of little importance. The main thing is to love and serve God and to lay up treas ures of good works.

THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM "Thy kingdom come," we pray and honestly wish its peace, its justice, and its rightness might rule in this

death, has come to deliver us. troubled world. But the only route by which we can help to bring it nearer, is through our own hearts, our own homes, and our own daily actions. Suppose, for a minute, that everyone who this morning utters the petition. "Thy kingdom come," should really try to put into every act and word of the day, the spirit of the Kingdom of Christ, as he conceives it to be, what a chauge it would make in the

The kingdom of God is within you," said the Master, but we lift our dull eyes to the sky for some sign of its coming, and then go disappointed. ly on our way, be a aling the wrongs its blessed rule would set right, but with no thought of the possibility of working it out from within.-Catholic Columbian.

than evil, stronger than death-and were no Santa Claus. It would be as that the blessed Life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of then, no poetry, no romance, to not believe in fairies! get your papa to hire men to watch OUR BOYS AND GIRLS in all chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men " JES' 'FORE CERISTMAS "

The chorus of voices, the clasping of They're acting mighty funny up at hands ; Sing hymns that were sung by the They're different then they used to can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course be an' changed in many ways ; not : but that's no proof that they are

Not long ago, if I should want some toy upon a shelf, They used to make me get a chair and hunt for it myself !

unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle Las' night I wanted building blocks, and see what makes the noise inside,

and went to get 'em, too ; An' three of 'em, got up an' said: "I'll but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, get 'em for you.'

I used to have to hunt for things, that - somehow went astray ; They let me open bureau drawers

without a word to say ; Ma would sew and sis would play, an'

pa would read his book. An' never think of gettin' from their chairs to help me look.

But las' night, when I started in to find my 'lectric sar, They all exclaimed : "We'll hunt

toy that's on a shelf,

THE INCARNATION

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to for it; you stay right whire make glad the heart of childhood.' you are!

've never known 'em be so kind in all my life before ; They'll jump to wait on me an' find THE HEROIC CARDINAL OF RHEIMS

the things I'm huntin' for ; Although they used to grumble an' to say I was a pest,

PIERRE LOTI INTERVIEWS I'm not a bother any more-but why. FAMOUS CHURCHMAN I haven't guessed. I only know that, when I want some "Look! Rheims is hurning!"

was crying an old woodcutter in a tone of mournful idincy, as he came They're mighty quick to see that I up the road bending under a fagot of larch-tree branches. don't hunt for it myself. -EDGAR A. GUEST

THE GLORY THAT WAS RHEIMS CHRISMAS LEGENDS Alas! alas! to see Rheims burning

An anecdote related by Mr. Howi- and to be unable to do anything ! O Rheims, what name was more fit son in his 'Sketches of Upper Canada" is full of comparative in to recall our marvelous past, our Indian at midnight, creeping cauti-The Indian made signals to him to silent and when questioned as to s reason replied : "Me watch to annihilation of these sacred relics! his reason replied : "Me watch to see the deer kneel. This is Christsee the deer kneel. This is Christ mas night, and all the deer fall upon their knees to the Great Spirit and it is the set of the Great Spirit and it is the set of t

look up" In some parts of Eagland becile as it is montrous: to burn bees are popularly said to express Rheims! And for many moments I looked, their veneration for the nativity by hives at midnight upon Christmas dolefal fumes, in which the soul of

old France seemed to be breathed out and to vanish. . . THE GOOD SHEPHERD REMAINS On this day Our Saviour is born ;

It is known that the Cardinal Arch. let us rejoice, for there should be no sadness where life appears. This bishop of the martyred city obstinlife removes all fear and gives us the ately insisted upon remaining amidst joy of a promised eternity. This day the last of the inhabitants, near the joy of a promised eternity. This day should be a day of joy to all, because crumbling basilica, in order to bring and consolation, courage, hope, not only love he recalls its image! "I have Let into the depths of narcow caves, but been its priest," he said, " and I per- also in the streets, and in the open shall remain its witness before his-Our Lord the destroyer of sin and also in the streets, and in the open places where bombs were reaping their harvest. And even until the A little of the sun, which had saints rejoice because grace and perseverance are secured to them ; let sinners rejoice, because pardon has their naves. been purchased for them; let the dry when the bombs, which fell in Gentiles be filled with confidence; for they are called to eternal life. The Son of God—in the fulness of time, which He Himself in the inscrutable is the single to the second authorities, being which second authorities, bair, which second from under his respecting his sublime stubbornness, let him remain there in the proximity which He Himself in the inscrutable of fire.

which He Himself in the inscrutable designs of His infinite wiedom had of fire. determined—took human nature to But the order came nevertheless figure in the shadow. And his voice becomes magnificent; one feels that the had to leave, and he took becomes magnificent; one feels that death, might be vanquished by that secure, where one could still hear nave as with the sound of organs: which he had caused .- St. Basil. The Divine Child, He Who is the

splendor of Heaven, lay in a crib. thunde: A little straw formed a bed for Him gone tod y to ask of him the honor

to Whom the earth and all it con-tains belong. And she who is Queen of an interview. I asked my way of some good peo-nle: "The Archbishop of Rheims," We talked then of his beart, and, when I expressed my astonishof heaven and earth is near that crib. There she watches and is attentive

# It is to this retreat that I have

by the fire, in shapes so intricate that one thinks of a pine thicket: then, with an infinite patience, it flattened out, with blows

PIETY OF HIS FLOCK

He then told me of the pious solic

itude of his flock, who, even when it rained bombs, were employed

cesses of subterranean vaults the

under his direction in gathering gether and carrying to the deep

little hammers, and put back into shape, always in the same obstinate hope that days might come in which life. one might try to repair the irreparable

"And the statue of Jeanne d'Ara Monsignor, which was so strangely intact the last time I saw it? act, yes; at least it was still when I

said my farewell to it. . . . at the present, I know no more. . . .

REMAINS TO BE ITS WITNESS

The Archbishop grew more animated as he spoke and as he acquired confidence in the religious attention

of the one who was listening to him. A saintly indignation is now visible in his eyes, which have a way of enlarging and becoming youthful. O, his Cathedral, with what desolate

nave as with the sound of organs ; I have indeed, before me the Archthe bombardment on the flanks I have as with the both of the Arch-making the noise of its continual bishop of Rheims as my imagination had conceived of him.

TALK ABOUT THE CATHEDRAL

by reason of its great distance away from you in the air when you look

at it by just lifting your head. At close view, all that wh cb, seen from

below, seems aerial and almost im

ponderable. It is made of enormous stones resting upon truly cyclopean foundations. Likewise these vaults,

which at their height affect your eyes as having the delicacy, in a way,

eprend the noise of this formidable destruction. Ah, the archi-tects who built this were marvelous

men, who worked as though for

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CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES supercial beauty and glory beyon i. charged with some mission toward Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real own accord, in the glow of a feeling

SHALL PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN TASK OF SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION

CARDINAL BOURNE, OF LONDON, GIVES

EIGHT POINTS TO ENGINEERING FRATERNITY OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Cardinal Archbishop of Westdebris of the incomparable stained glass windows of the fifteenth cenminster, London, England, has been further invited to contribute a mestury. And a demoniac like the Gar-man Emperor had to appear upon sage on a cial topics by an important fru of engineers in England, the Messrs, Beardmore & Sons. The message of His Eminence, which is the earth to dare to annihilate these treasures of art which the wars, the addressed to the whole engineering fraternity of Great Britain, consists invasions had respected for so many centuries. Not all the windows are shattered; perhaps they will fall in

of eight points for consideration : (1) "Human life, a gift from God. great pieces like those which are must be protected and developed eing conserved in a chimarical hope according to God's purpose. Every individual, endowed with an immorof restoration, . . . later, in the frightful times to come. And the tal soul, is of supreme worth and digaity, and must never be used as lead in which the glass was set, it mostly drops off, all twisted, melted a mere means to the production of

(2) "Man has a right to such return from his honest labor as will provide a reasonable standard

(3) "He should have a home to aud of sublime devotor. Jack South and Some Other Jacks, by David Bearm, S. J. Elders as well as juniors may read it wir both profit and pleasure. Leopard of Lancianus The, By Maurice Franci Egan. There are eight stories and every can o them has a very interesting plot worked out with low later. live in, not a hovel ; and such opportunities as will enable him to lead healthy human life and develop his body and mind.

(4) "Education should not aim merely at making men better instruments of production ; it should bring out what is best in them, physically, mentally, morally and spiritually.

The rights of the individual must be jealously maintained against undue State interference or class domination.

Magic of The Sea, The ; or Commodore John Barr in the Making, by Captain James Connelly. It is a historical novel, and well fit to take its place beside "Richard Carvel." 'There can be no rights with-(6) out duties, and no healthy society without authority and discipline. We should support rightful authority and maintain discipline, not from fear or favor, but because it is the right thing to do.

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(8) "The aim of that society should be human welfare, and not Mirror, The; by Mary F. Nixon, Mystery of Naples, The; by Rev E. P. Grahan With s', illustrations, merely the production or acquisition Nelly Ke<sup>1</sup>v By Hanriette E, Defamare, Nelly is little mother to her brothers and sisters and su-ceeds wonderfully well in meeting the difficulti-that arise. of wealth. Such are the principles," con

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### THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world awes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your feltoward Him .- St. Bonaventure. low-men are just as real as you-are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give life; to close your book of complaints against the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds

of happiness-are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then

you can keep Christmas. Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the eakness and lonaliness of people

who are growing old; to stop asking whether your friends love them enough to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same

house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more

world-stronger than hate, stronger dreary would be the world if there the weight of a grief too over whelm | curred the unmeasured anathema of

to all the wants of her Divine Son. With what respectful care she touches With what resp. ctful care she touches Him, and holds Him, knowing Him to be her Lord and her God! With braces Him and presses Him to her braces Him and WHERE THE CARDINAL LIVES The gate is open, and I enter into an immense old garden, planted in the manuer of the old darden and the old darden and the old darden and the the manuer of the old darden and the old darden and the old darden and the the manuer of the old darden and the old darden and the old darden and the the manuer of the old darden and the old darden and the old darden and the the manuer of the old darden and the old dar bosom ! She was the most humble of creatures, she was also the most prudent and . watchful. She was never wanting in the most tender care for Him, and during His whole

the manner of the old days, where the green all fresh, stands out clearly life upon earth she never failed in the least in the fulfilment of any duty against the somber clouds. A wing of the chateau presents itself to me, the doors also open in evident confidence, without bells or

koockers, and I am afraid of not

How many times has the question been asked? There was once a little girl whose name was Virginia who to Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, saying: "Some of mwas Fiends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus? "The famous editor. This was his reply, printed in his paper: "York

aper: "Virginia, your little friends are rather manorial simplicity, with its wrong. They have been affected by great dimensions and its old furni-the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. there and in the same placer. The They think that nothing can be Cardinal Archiehop, who was sealed which is not comprehensible to their toward the further end, at his desk,

little minds. All minds, Virginia, arcse, and then a ray of light fell in whether they be men's or childron's minds, are little. In this great uni his bair, which escaped from under "O, to think," he said, "that they did not even understand, these poor savages, to what degree they were waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shado will fall belied you; to make a grave for your kindly feelings, with the gate things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas. Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest than hats, stronger

eternity. .

Christmas in dear old Ireland, Fain would this lone heart be Back in that homble cottage Down by the silvery Lee. Land where my young life flourished, Nurtured by thoughts of God, Land where my aged parents Slumber beneath the sod.

Christmas in dear old Ireland, Ab !'twas but yester year! Crushed with the grief of parting, Wearily I landed here. E en though a land of promise, Riches, aye, wealth galore, Erin, it lacks thy verdure, Exiled, I love thee more. Christmas in dear old Ireland,

Ah ! how the seasons pass, Well do I now remember Hearing the Midnight Mass. Maureen and Kate and Eily Knelt with me side by side, block so heavy that its fall crushed Asking the Christ Child's blessing, Tarice happy Christmas tide.

> Christ mas in dear old Ireland, Visions arise tonight ; Ivy and holly berries, Yule logs that sparkle bright, Time honored Christmas candle, Emblem of God's own star, Innocent childish laughter Echoing from afar.

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