

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

HE WILL SUCCEED

He will succeed who gives his best. To every task and every day. He will succeed who day by day, Plods steadfastly along his way.

MEDIOCRITY

The world judges men by a very narrow standard. If through assiduity, inventive genius, good fortune or other circumstances they acquire any considerable portion of material goods, they are immediately set upon a pedestal, and less successful men look upon them with a feeling akin to awe.

nothing is perfect, nothing satisfying, at least in whole. True, there are many men who seem to have things very much their own way. But we cannot read the depths of the heart, otherwise we should be greatly surprised. In general, it is safe to assert that the less of life's superfluities a man has, the happier he is and the lighter shall be the account of things committed to his charge.

Great souls are always simple in their tastes, content with little and are not fastened to their possessions so that the loss of all or a part of them overwhelms them with bitterness.

Such men are happy men indeed. They pass along, and few may notice them. But they travel a good and secure road, which in time will conduct them safely to the end of their journey. They resemble Tobias, of whom Holy Scripture records that when the children of his own age went to adore the golden calves, he left the profane troop of little idolaters that he might retire alone into the Temple, there to pay homage to the Lord.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

SOME TIME

Last night, my darling, as you slept, I thought I heard you sigh. And to your little crib I crept, And watched a space thereby; And then I stooped and kissed your brow.

KEEP SWEET

Simply don't allow yourself to say sharp things about people. To be sure, your tart criticisms may be quite warranted by the facts, but just remember that your remarks are much more likely to influence your audience's opinion of you than their opinion of those about whom you say them.

REAL ACTS OF FAITH

That an act of faith may be in very truth an act and not a formula of words is a fact unrealized by too many of our good Catholic people. The man or boy, who salutes the Blessed Sacrament as he passes a church, realizes that he has shown respect to his Lord, but it scarcely ever crosses his mind that he has performed a perfect act of faith.

That Catholic may well take shame to himself who neglects an opportunity of so easily acquiring spiritual merit, and of giving the good example afforded by this real act of faith.—Catholic Standard and Times.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Remember that when you get to a point in life where everything and everyone seems set against you, that God's hand is stretched out to you in closer friendliness than ever. Throw back your head and face your trials with your hand in His. It is always darkest just before the dawn.

Remember that what seems to you failure may merely be God's way of testing your patience. Just because you may not happen to come away from Communion feeling especially uplifted, do not fear that Christ has not sought you out for His love.

Remember that every experience of life, bitter or sweet, gives us a chance to learn a lesson. Don't close your "Primer" too quickly, in order that you may run out to play.—The Pilot.

WITHOUT SCRIP OR STAFF

The Grotto of Lourdes has furnished many remarkable instances of faith in the Mother of God. One instance just brought to light is in many respects most remarkable. A Russian youth, who lost his sight in the World War, determined to visit the shrine and implore the aid of the Blessed Virgin. Two almost unsurmountable obstacles stood in his way. First he was blind, and had no one to take him. Secondly he was utterly without resources, and Lourdes was a thousand miles away.

Such an extraordinary feat astounds the easy-going, luxury-loving spirit of this comfortable age. But it should remind us that hardships of a similar nature, though not attended by such physical drawbacks, were the ordinary incidents of more robust ages, when men had fewer conveniences of travel, and were injured by necessity and fatigues and perils by land and sea that today are almost unimaginable.

St. Stanislaus Kotska, the boy saint, walked one thousand two hundred miles, pausing only to obtain shelter at night, in his journey from his native Poland to the Jesuit Novitiate at Rome. Today people are carried hither and thither in modern conveyances that any ancient king would envy, and they often complain, forsooth, if they have to walk a short distance to Church!

Such instances should not be allowed to pass with mere admiration. They should be followed by imitation or at least with edification. The incident of the blind Russian, and of the holy missionaries should inspire us with some of their willingness to suffer hardships for our Faith. Sacrifice is an essential of religion.

Unless we suffer with Christ, we cannot expect to reign with Him. No truth shines forth more clearly from the Gospel pages. This age of luxury has removed most of the physical hardships of life. It has not and it cannot remove life's sacrifices.

SEEKING A UNION OF CHURCHES

Motives of various kinds are driving the Protestant Churches to seek some method of burying their differences and presenting a united front to the world. Aggressive infidelity finds much food for scorn in the division of men calling themselves Christians, and earnest souls wait in vain for a united front against the godless movement fatal alike to the souls of men and to our civilization.

JUBILEE INDULGENCE

The Holy Year of Jubilee in the mind of the Church is a time appointed for a great spiritual awakening, a gathering together and a commingling of the widely scattered children of the Church, at the very center of Christendom, around the tombs of the Apostles, a revivifying of faith in Christ and in His Church, in His Vicar on earth, and in the ample powers for binding and loosing which Christ has committed to him.

The indulgence of the Jubilee, as it is carefully explained by a writer in the Irish Ecclesiastical Record "is a plenary indulgence of the most ample kind, a full and complete remission of all the temporal punishment due to sins forgiven. It is not a remission of guilt, but a remission of the penalty; the guilt is remitted only through sacramental confession and the sorrow of the penitent. Moreover this indulgence is the principal and most solemn of all plenary indulgences, not so much that it brings with it an entire remission of the penalty due to sin, for this is of the essence of a plenary indulgence, as on account of the special circumstances accompanying it.

It is published, celebrated and brought to a close with a display of pomp and ceremony, calculated to inspire and excite devotion; while it lasts the whole Church is in an attitude of prayer and supplication, and it brings in its train special privileges not associated with the granting of other indulgences. For example, during the time of the jubilee, in order to facilitate the gaining of the indulgence, ordinary confessors at Rome are granted special faculties to commute simple vows, to absolve from reserved cases and censures, normally reserved to Bishops or the Holy See.

the crossing is peace and unclouded faith.—Southern Cross.



Answers for last week: Stilling of tempest was Gospel last Sunday. Left figure below has on Surplice over a Cassock (also a Biretta on head). Middle figure has on a Chasuble over an Alb. Right hand figure has Stole around neck and crossed in front of him. Mantle around his left arm, Cincture around waist and an Alb around his whole body (the long white garment).



Churches away out in Greece and further East call Feb. 22 (last Monday) the feast of the Presentation. The top one of these pictures shows the event. What do we call this feast? The old English name for it is Candlemas Day. Why? The lower picture is the Gospel for Septuagesima Sunday. What is the story, and what does that long word mean anyway?

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The prayers for the Pope should be vocal prayers, for instance five Our Fathers, five Hail Marys, and five Glorias for each visit will suffice, with the general intention of praying for the Pope's intentions, which are fully set forth in the Jubilee Bull. Exemption from visits does not carry with it exemption from the prayers for the Pope. Special concessions for those who cannot make the pilgrimage to Rome or complete the prescriptions are generally conceded by a special Bull of the Holy Father.

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