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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

WHAT IS SUCCESS AND HOW TO GET IT ?

A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL GIBBON TO THE BOYS OF AMERICA

At Baltimore an old man boarded the train. As he walked slowly, very slowly, down the aisle, heads turned to follow his progress and people touched each other and whispered. As the old man passed, it could be seen that under his tall silk hat he wore that something not usually worn by old gentlemen riding on trains, for, showing below the rim of the hat was

e line of vivid ccarlet. The porter, more than ordinarily solicitous, assisted the old gentleman into his chair. Then the old gentle-man removed his hat and-he was wearing a tiny, round scarlet cap!

Now, there are only three men among all the hundred million of in-habitants in the United States who are permitted to wear such a cap. It is a mark of honor, of distinction, of exalted position-the badge of a Cardinal of the Catholic Church The old gentleman was His Eminence, James Cardinal Gibbons, The old Archbishop of Baltimore. Cardinal Gibbons settled his spare

frame comfortably and opened his newspaper-just like any ordinary ove the top of his chair traveler. showed that flash of scarlet, arousing euriosity. What sort of man was this James Cardinal Gibbons ? How did his voice sound? What did his smile look like? What would he say if addressed? It was a curiosity that would be shared by every boy in America it he could sit in that car and watch. . . . So I decided to find out for him.

The porter carried my card to His Eminence; returned immediately, grinning so that every one of his thirty two white teeth glittered joy-

ously. "He say sure, sah. He say he be glad to talk wif yos."

I think that was characteristic of Cardinal Cardinal Gibbons is a man who loves men, who studies men, who likes to talk to and understand and sympa thize with men. . . . So I walked down the aisle to his side. He looked up and smiled. That is important. Perhaps you have seen pictures of the Cardinal—they are grave, very dignified, a triffe austere. They do not should at triffe austere. be glad to talk to me, or to any casual

grave, very dignified, a trifle austere. They do not show the Cardinal of the smile. Right away any boy would plodding effort. One plodding, hard have known His Eminence was a man working, faithful boy is worth to the who wanted to know, the sort of man who is valuable to boys as a friend and as a companion. . . . The Cardinal smiled, and his grey eyes

twinkled as he extended his hand. "You work with boys?" he said. "That is a fine thing—one of the finest things. You must be very glad the said, very glad, to be able to talk a little to all of your boys. your work is with boys. Won't you sit down?

His face became grave, thoughtful. "I suppose you would like to have me say something to your boys, is that it?

'The toys would appreciate it very much if you would," I told him. Then he began to speak, as he spoke I watched his face, particularly

those grey blue eyes with the shrewd, wise, kindly lines about them. I watched the expressions come and go - Coventry Patmore.

in those eyes as the Cardinal sent his message to you. They are not young eyes-but they are not old eyes They are eyes that have seen many wonderful things, many sad things many glorious things-and have re-membered everything and stored it away to be used. To be used for the benefit of mankind.

"It is an old, old saying that the boy is the father of the man," said the Cardinal, "but I wonder if boys have ever stopped to wonder what it means. . . . It means that the boy is the most important thing in the world. Think of that. Let me have the boy to work with and train and I don't care who looks after the rest of the world-for in a few years the boy will be the rest of the world. The boys of to day are the men with responsibilities the men who are

Once upon a time there was a doing big things to morrow. They should remember that." Little Child. He was the most beauti-The Cardinal laid his slender hand ful Infant that had ever been born, on my knee.

and was the Son of the Greatest King. But the Greatest King could What is success in life ?"he asked, not take care of Him as most fathers and then answered his own question "Success is nothing more or less than doing well the things we have to do every day. Success is duty performed —that is all. There can be no greater success than that. The boy whom did He choose ? Who St Jaseph the lover of little Why, St. Joseph, the lover of little who does every day the little things children. And as he was chosen out of all the world as the most fatherly he is set to do, and does them well, has succeeded. When he becomes a

of men, don't you think that he would man he is still a success if he perlisten very lovingly to you, if you told him all your hopes and little fears. He would love to intercede to God for you. duties faithfully. There may be no fame, no sounding of trumpets for him, but he is a success." Now he smiled again, his eyes Here is a prayer to the foster father

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of Christ : twinkled almost mischievously. "Fame is an accident, anyhow," he To Thee, O Blessed Joseph, we go in our trouble and we confidently beg thy aid by thy fatherly love with which thou didst embrace the Child said, "it doesn't matter. Fame is pleasant, but, after all, is it a bit more pleasant to be famous than to be a common man, unknown, perhaps, Jesus. Oh, our strong defender, graciously assist us from heaven on every day of our liver, and as thou didst once deliver the Child Jesus

done ?' "What qualities, Cardinal Gibbons, do you consider most desirable in a boy? What qualities, show him to have real promise for the future?"

tion that after thy example and aided "Faithfulness, plodding, persever-ance, persistence in doing whatever by thy prayers we may be enabled to live holily and die picusly, that we may see thes and the Holy Child thou that was characteristic of is set for him to do. These things Gibbons-that he would will gain him success where genus would fail-unless it is that sort of didet care for, sometime in heaven Amen.-New World. SLOW BUT THOROUGH

A lady engaged a boy to weed in her garden. He started to do the work as she directed, and she went about her household duties. After a half hour had elapsed she looked out the window and saw the boy at about the same spot she had left him. "Pretty slow," said the lady, and again went about her work. Another half hour elapsed, and again she looked out the window. She noticed that he had done very world much more than the boy with

flashes of genius. The boy who will little more, and said to herself, " I wish I had secured a man for this plod, who will concentrate his effort, is on the surest road to success. job ; it will not be finished to-day at this rate." At the end of another half hour she

went.

Good-bye." He smiled again-that shrewd, humorous, wise, kindly lovable smile

"I wish, sir," I said, "that the boys could hear you say it, and see you while you are saying it."

"I wish so, too," he said.-Clarence B. Kelland, in "The American Boy."

Nature fulfilled by grace is not less nature, but is supernaturally natural

do the work faster, she said : "That's fine. That's the kind of weeding I like to have done every time."--Ex. change.

THOSE PUNCTUATION MARKS came in from school one day, "I wish we didn't have to learn so much

stood and looked in amazement.

There was just one word for it-

thorough. Instead of telling him to do the work faster, she said : "That's

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embers of ambition that have been High Church centre. "Besides being slumbering for years and which a lady of considerable local in-would have gone out in darkness, fluence," says a London paper, "she but for your fanning them into then will this sweet echo fia ne,

speak to you. If, on the contrary, you have kept the flowers that you should have given to the living, for the dead, spared the kindly word of praise and admiration, or the expression of love,

until the ears which they would have gladdened are deat in death, then will echo:s of condemnation haunt you. Tears and flowers at a funeral do not atone for wasted opportunities to scatter brightness or show love. Every thought and deed sends back an echo like itself. If we have been helpful and generous, sympathetic and kind we shall hear echoes that

will uplift, encourage and satisfy. If we have been mean, contemptible, vicious, narrow, indolent, we shall hear the echoes repeat the voices which gave them birth. - Exchange

FAILURE OF MARIE ODILE

The Catholic Stage Guild of London which met recently, and the members of which attended Mass and received

Communion at Maiden Lane, made a protest against "Marie Odile," the objectionable convent play which Sir Herbert Tree was obliged to remove on account of its non success expressing his astonishment that it should offend Catholic susceptibilities.

The whole episode is one which shows how far the ordinary canons

of modern moral taste have faller below the Christian standard. The Catholic Federation have now issued a protest to the censor of plays against the licensing of "Marie against the licensing of "Marie Odile." It is hoped that this protest may prevent the licensing of my similar play in the future, for 'Marie Odile " is certainly not likely from pressing danger of death, so now defend thy other little foster ever to appear on tour again.-Church Progress. children here on earth. Shield us, one and all, with unceasing protec-

SOMETHING LACKING

An English Protestant dignitary writing some years ago in a High Church periodical on the past and present condition of missionary efforts in India, found little hope for Protestant missions unless they could enlist the help of a body such as the Christian Brothers, Dr. Gore, the well-known Anglican Bishop of Oxford, pays a hearty tribute of admir-

ation to thr Brothers and to other Catholic teaching institutes in his recently published book, "The War and the Church :" 'You know that many besides

Macaulay have reproached our Eng. lish Church for lack of self sacrifice, and have contrasted it with the Church of Rome, in which they have seen altogether more of the same heroic spirit which belongs to soldiers. They have not denied us the glory of concluded to speak to the boy and kindness and goodness and faithfulhurry him up, so out to the yard she ness and all the circle of domestic virtues; only they have not seen in She stopped suddenly. It was true us the school of the heroic spiritthat not very much of the garden had been covered. The boy was slow, that was sure, but such a job of the school of sacrifice. Now, in part these reproaches belong to an older day. . . . Nevertheless, there is truth in the reproach aimed at us weeding as he had done! Not a single stray piece of grass was left. It was as clean as could be. She

magnificently helped in the maintenance of religious education on its own lines, because it has been able to draw upon a vast store of volu-tary sacrifice. Man have been found in multitudes who felt that they had the vocation to be teachers for Christ's sake and His little ones, and THOSE PUNCTUATION MARKS who, without hope or prospect but "Oh, dear !" sighed Warren, as he their work and their faith, have given themselves for teachers, wanting nothing for it but their barest

has also marked literary ability. Among other offices lately held by Mrs. Niccll was that of Secretary of the St. Leonard's branch of the (Anglican) Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament." The same

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journal states that several members of the Community of St. John the Baptist, Clewer, the largest Sister-hord in the Anglican Church, have already followed their former ber nine in all, and slong with them Warden's example by becoming Cath-olicy. Their Warden, it will be re-membered, was the Rev. Bernard Mcultrie, whose conversion was

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them !' Mamma laid down her sewing and said : Warren ?" "Why, it's so hard to remember

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Mamma smiled, and then, rising from her chair, she went over to the desk and got out a piece of paper and a pencil. Then she wrote : "The little turkey strutted about the yard and ate corn half an hour after his head was cut off." "Wby, mummie, how funny !" ex-claimed Warren, when he read it.

"How could a turkey walk around eating corn without any bead ?" "He couldn't," replied mamma, and yet I have written just what I intended to write. I have, however, left out all punctuation marks."

Then she bent down and punctu ated the sentance. It then read "The little turkey strutted about the yard, and ate corn ; half an hour after, his head was cut off." Oh, I see !" cried Warren. And

then and there he resolved to learn all that he could about punctuation marks.-Intermountain Catholic.

> KIND DEEDS HAVE THEIR REACTION

Everything that one does in life has a reaction which either applauds or condemns the deed and is ever after ward a perpetual reminder of nobility or baseness. Wherever you are, you will hear echoes of the good you have done or the evils that has resulted from your act. Whether pleasant or disagreeable, they will constantly come back to you in memory waves, and will tend to make you happy or miserable. If you have said a kind word, that

about periods and commas and semi-living. There is hardly anything in colons, and such things. I hate modern Christendom nobler or more successful in attaining its end than the institution of the Christian Why do you hate them, Brothers, and the women's teaching orders do not fall behind them. Why have we never struck anything like this store of deliberate and joyful sacrifice, with all our talk about the

supreme importance of religious edu-cation ? There has been something lacking." — Philadelphia Standard

"OPENED HIS EYES"

and Times.

When our friends of the Protestant denominations succeed in attracting a foreign Catholic away from the Church of his fathers, they feel that they have done well, remarks the Sacred Heart Review. But the chances are that they have made no convert to Protestantism. They simply disturb the faith of the poor man they are seeking to convert and leave him without any faith at all. When Francis Parkman, the his torian, was in Europe, for the first time be met an Italian who spoke

disrespectfully of the Pope. "Why," said Parkman, "do you speak so of the Pope? Are you not a Roman Catholic?" The man said he used to be a Catholic, but some years in America had "opened his eyes"

"You are no longer a Catholic ?" said Parkman. "What religion do you believe in now ?" 'Oh, no religion in particular," replied the Italian

"Whereupon," says Parkman satiri-cally, "I congratulated him on so happy a conversion from the error of his ways."

ANGLICAN SISTERS AND CLERGY. MAN'S WIFE CONVERTED

There fall to be recorded recently some fresh conversions from the ranks of Anglicanism. The laity are following the lead of their clergy.

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