

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

REMEMBER THE DEAD

Remember the friends you know on earth. Now perhaps in purging fire; Then offer a gift of priceless worth, This boon these souls desire.

Remember the souls of parents dear, Of sisters and brothers, too, Whose words and whose deeds of love sincere

Remember the Dead, by night and day; It is pleasing to our Lord, Indulgence washes their stains away.

CULTIVATE A CHEERFUL SPIRIT AND DEMEANOR "I too have tried in my time to be a philosopher, but somehow, cheerfulness was always breaking in."

There is a French physician now enjoying a wide vogue in England, who simply teaches his patients to keep saying: "Day by day, in every way, I am growing better and better."

What the shrewd Nancy doctor has succeeded in doing for the bodies of his patients, every wise Christian optimist should aim to do for his own soul.

THE VALUE OF THRIFT To see in thrift nothing more than the means of putting aside money and increasing the bank account is very much undervaluing its real importance.

Intelligent saving implies and brings to a focus a number of moral traits of a high order. The man who saves has emancipated himself from the tyranny of the absorbing interests of the present.

To forego a present enjoyment for the sake of some future benefit requires a degree of self-discipline and self-control that can only be acquired by training.

usefulness. The man, who knows, that, through his own fault, he will become a burden to others and an object of charity, experiences a painful lowering of self-esteem and a disagreeable feeling of worthlessness.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE LAST COMMUNION DAY

Will you go to the door, Alanna, And watch if the priest is near? 'Till the weary hours are dragging 'Till the time he'll be coming here.

I've counted the years, Alanna, From my first Communion morn, When I was a bit of a collect In the land where I was born.

Thank God for that faith, Alanna, And often my heart was sore, But the monthly Duty blessed me, And soothed the grief I bore.

These seventy years, Alanna, I went to Him faithfully, Seventy years, Alanna, At last He's coming to me.

Look out of the window, daughter; He's coming at last, you say? Long life to the darling "soggarth" That brings me my God this day!

THE HABIT OF OBEDIENCE

The life of every individual is largely made up of habits. The time when habits are most easily formed is during the early years of life.

BOBBY'S "REALLY TRULY MAGIC"

Bobby was in a bad humor, and in a corner pouting. When his mother came home from market, she noticed the cloud which overshadowed the usually bright face of her boy.

"Well, well, perhaps we can change things a bit. Wait until I take off my hat and coat, and we'll talk the matter over. I think I know a bit of magic which will do the trick."

"Oh, mother! Please tell me the magic story!" he cried when she returned. "Oh, my dear, it isn't much of a story; just a little secret or magic word which I want to whisper in your ear."

Bobby took the milk, gave a cook a hearty, "Thank you, Sarah," and hastened back into the room where his mother was sewing.

"It works, mother!" he cried gleefully. "I'm going to try it all day."

John was very busy just then, and hesitated a bit, but seeing the bright smile on the little boy's face, and hearing the magic word, he laid down his tools and hastened to fix the swing.

All day long Bobby used the magic word. When evening came mother said: "Well, Bobby boy, how does the magic word work?"

"Just fine, mother dear! Only I've found that there's another word to be used with yours. One to get done what you want done now, and the other to get something done the next time. You see, I say 'please' first, and when I get what I want, I say, 'Thank you, too.'"

CHRISTIAN TRAINING

In "The Barrier," that powerful novel from the pen of the great French Catholic novelist, Rene Bazin, there is a strong scene, which is not without its lesson to some Catholic parents of today.

Everyone interested in the children of today desires to see them develop into good boys and girls and later into the right kind of men and women. Good habits are, however, essential in the child's life if he is to become a good citizen.

There are many ideals and standards to be desired, many good habits that should be formed in early childhood—truthfulness, honesty, justice, cleanliness, service, courtesy and obedience.

More mystified than ever, Bobby held his ear close to mother while she whispered something to him. The tears weren't flowing any more, and Bobby wiped his eyes, grinned, and then jumped up and ran to the kitchen.

"Oh, Sarah," he cried, smiling his brightest smile, "won't you please give me a glass of milk?" "Why, of course I will," replied the cook, hastening to get the nice cold milk.

As Father Hull remarks about such children in the Bombay Examiner: "Having been accustomed at home from their tender years to hear the Church's tenets and decrees belittled, and her rulers carped at, it is small wonder that when they become men and women their Catholicism is merely a 'religion of respectability,' quite de-

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A BAPTIST PASTOR'S VIEW

WHAT THE CHURCH HAS DONE FOR CHRISTIANITY

In considering the part played by Catholic bodies in the making of present day Christianity, it is well to recall certain outstanding facts easily overlooked by Protestants.

All Christians owe an inestimable debt of gratitude, likewise, to those faithful monks, who, centuries before the art of printing was known, spent their lives self-sacrificingly in patiently copying by hand the various New Testament manuscripts.

During the last twenty years the rate of granting divorces in America has increased ten times faster than the growth of population during the same period.

More than any other church, perhaps, the Catholic Church has emphasized the idea of obedience to authority. Through all the turbulence of feudal warfare in Europe in the later Middle Ages, it was doubtless a good thing that the Christian Church of that time was built compactly together by this principle.

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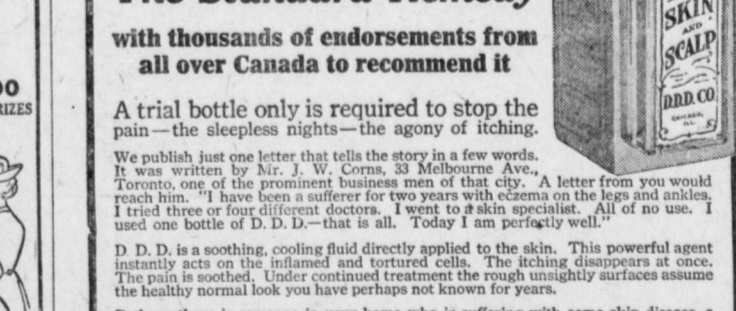
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