### CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

REMEMBER THE DEAD Remember the friends you know

Now perhaps in purging fire; Then offer a gift of priceless worth,
Tis a boon these souls desire.
The Blood of our Lord in Holy Mass
Doth allay avenging flames, A gift that no other can surpass, For its worth supplies all claims.

Remember the souls of parents

Of sisters and brothers, too, Whose words and whose deeds of love sincere
Were constant and always true.

Let justice and mercy prompt your deeds,

To repay the love they bore, And aid them again in pressing

Till they need your help no more. Remember the Dead, by night and

It is pleasing to our Lord. Indulgence washes their stains

And our fasting brings reward; The Beads are to them a cooling

breeze And Communion welcome rain. Each action performed God's will to please Brings the soul relief from pain.

CULTIVATE A CHEERFUL SPIRIT AND DEMEANOR "I too have tried in my time to

be a philosopher, but somehow, cheerfulness was always breaking in," one of Dr. Johnson's old friends once remarked to him. Happily this is a familiar experience, for the buoyant spirit of man, however hopeless and pessimistic he affects to be, will not remain depressed for long but cheerfulness will invariably keep 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." Those whose maladies lie for the most party morely in their for the most part merely in their imagination learn to "say and believe" they are thoroughly well or to act as if there was really nothing the matter with them, so by and by they actually become, we are credibly informed, "cured" by Dr. Coue's method.

They can because they think y can." It is a commonplace doctors and nurses that a patient's good recovery lies largely which will develop the character in keeping him bright and cheerful. A priest who walked for many years the wards of a large hospital once remarked that he had always been cordially welcomed by the physicians and surgeons, though most of them and surgeons, though most of them. and surgeons, though most of them were unbelievers, because they had the wholesome, jovial Catholic chaplain had made his daily rounds, the likelihood that the sick he visited would make a prompt and lasting recovery was increased fifty

per cent. What the shrewd Nancy doctor has succeeded in doing for the bodies of his patients, every wise Christian optimist should aim to do It is a common criticism today for his own soul. For by letting that children do not obey. If this is cheerfulness keep breaking in, by making the mind dwell on the everconsoling tenets of the Catholic Faith, and by remembering always that God's in His heaven and all's lead only to greater trouble in the right with the world, will generally future. Sometimes it is the right be able not only to keep his own of the child to be told the reason heart full of sunshine but also to for a request or command, but heart full of sunshine but also to for a request or command, but reproach you with. If you are spread among his little circle of there are times when prompt and kinsfolk, friends and acquaintances unquestioning obedience is essentiated by the command of the com a bright, heartening spirit of tial. The habit of obedience will childish faith, the law, the light, Christian optimism that will make this world more like what God in unreasonable or unjust demands, all these—neither law, nor strength.

# 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 underestimating its real importance, which lies in the field of morality and pedagogics. Thrift, primarily, must be considered as a splendid and effective character - builder. It plays a significant part in the production of personality and in the making of genuine and sterling manhood. It is an elementary social virtue with is an elementary social virtue, without which civilized society could not get along. The savage, it is well to emphasize has not the faintest notion of thrift and lacks the moral

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, and has trained himself to look to the future. He possesses vision, and his mental horizon is not bounded and hemmed in by the pressing needs of the moment. He has risen above the short-sighted Less that characterizes the improvident attitude of those the improvident attitude of those who cannot see beyond the needs of word which I want to whisper in

requires a degree of self-discipline and self-control that can only be acquired by training. Habits of frugality stiffen the moral fibre of a man and increase his power of resistance to the solicitations of sensuality. Consequently, thrift makes for self-mastery, which is the essential condition of success. The shiftless and uneconomical are devoid of moral stamina and have not the virile qualities that lead to

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

far more important than its economic value and should be properly insisted on by all those who wish to encourage this commendable virtue.

On his back on the grass. He wasn't hurt a bit, but it was so provoking to have his swing break just as he was having a good time!

Running toward the barn, he re-This moral aspect of thrift is by urges the saving of money is not because he sees any great good in the accumulation of wealth; but because habits of thrift make better men and reinforce character.

"Unning toward the barn, he remembered the "magic' word.

"Oh, John," he called to the hird man, "my swing's broken. Won't you please come and fix it for me?" men and reinforce character. Savings represent something more than that which can be expressed in figures. They testify to prudence, temperance, wise foresight, moral courage and self-respect.—Catholic Standard and Times.

### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

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

Sure, I never have slept the night long, But just to lie here and pray,

To think that the Lord is coming To my humble home this day. I've counted the years, Alanna, From my first Communion morn, When I was a bit of a colleen

In the land where I was born. That's seventy years this summer, And often my heart was sore, But the monthly Duty blessed me, And soothed the grief I bore.

Thank God for that faith, Alanna What mattered the work and strife Where there at the altar-railing I could eat the Bread of Life?

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. It is therefore most important

dren of today desires to see them develop into good boys and girls and later into the right kind of men luxury, honors, the future, yours learned by experience that after and women. Good habits are, how and perhaps mine also. the wholesome, jovial Catholic ever, essential in the child's life if that you failed to defe 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 child-that you allowed matters to be nood-truthfulness, honesty, tice, cleanliness, service, courtesy and obedience. Of these the latter is one of the most important.

a just criticism, the fault is with the adult, not the child. It is often too much trouble to insist upon obedience but this course will the beginning intended it to be.- but a demand once made should be nor joy. If you are a believer, and end — absolute if what you believe exists, from what a heaven you have banished me!" obedience.-The Echo.

### 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, and asked, "Why, what's the matter, sonny

Nobody'll do a thing for me," came the sour reply, while a big their children to a Catholic school, tear slowly trickled down the boy's but who counteract the lesson there

the trick.

'Magic," repeated Bobby to himself, after mother had vanished into the kitchen, "magic — well, what on earth does mother mean?"
He was anxious for her return. 'Magic" stories were his favorites. He was anxious to hear this one.

"Oh, mother! Please tell me the magic story!" he cried when she returned.
"Oh, my dear, it isn't much of a that they are conferring a favor on

your ear."

they have recovered from the beMore mystified than ever, Bobby wildering experience of trying to in Catholic doctrine is one of the To forego a present enjoyment for the sake of some future benefit requires a degree of self-discipline she whispered something to him.

devoid of moral stamina and have not the virile qualities that lead to achievement. Thrift enhances self-respect, because it lays the foundations of independence and social line mother was sewing.

| Cold milk. Bobby took the milk, gave cook a carped at, it is small wonder that when they become men and women their Catholicism is merely a "rething conception. She was overshadowed by the Holy in the concerning Mary. In the first place, we believe that when they become men and women their Catholicism is merely a "rething conception. She was overshadowed by the Holy in the concerning Mary. In the first place, we believe that when they become men and women their Catholicism is merely a "rething conception. She was overshadowed by the Holy in the concerning Mary. In the first place, we believe that when they become men and women their Catholicism is merely a "rething conception. She was overshadowed by the Holy in the concerning Mary."

### "It works, mother!" he cried gleefully. "I'm going to try it all You Can Learn More day." Away he ran to play. In a short

the rope broke, and he was landed on his back on the grass. He wasn't

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. "Thank you, John," called Bobby, and the hired

man smiled back, and said he was

glad to do it.

All day long Bobby used the magic word. When evening came

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.

"They're the first 'really-truly' magic words I've ever heard of,"

said Bobby. Then he added, with a bright smile.

"Mother, won't you please let me say 'Thank you' again ?"—Chester E. Shuler.

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. Felicien Limerel, who has lost his faith in Catholicism, charges his

parents with being largely respon-sible for the disaster in the follow-

ing; I recognize it. I received more religious instruction and saw more

than most men of my generation.
That should have sufficed, and often

these instructions. I have seen at

that you failed to defend the prin-

freely discussed here in your house.

my doubts and to answer them? Who ever interested themselvesinmy

reading? I read everything without

guidance. In short I never under-

stood from the life here at home that religion was the law by which we

should be guided. That is what I reproach you with. If you are

grow up with the snobbish

religion by going to church

I saw even that you approved this

I had an early Christian train-

ing vehement words:

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void of vitality and depth, useful Ghost and gave birth to the Second indeed on Sundays, profitable only for this world, useless for eternity."

### A BAPTIST PASTOR'S VIEW

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 read with two words." 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. It is only fair to say that Protestantism as such was not born till about the year 1500 A. D. Prior to that, the history of the Christian Church is largely the history of the east and west or Greek and Roman branches of Catholicism. Before Columbus discovered America, Catholic missionaries carried the Gospel to central Europe and as far west as Spain and England. west as Spain and England. It is indirectly due to the work of these pioneers that we in America have the Gospel message today.

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. But for this labor of love, neither Protestant nor Catholic would have a Bible today.

ing; I recognize it. I received more religious instruction and saw more examples of faith among my masters definite and helpful things to Christianity as we know it today. No other church has been so success has done, to build up a sound faith, but on one condition—that the family life should be in harmony with to the fact that Catholics spend more hours a week in the instruction of their young than do Protestants.
The fact that every Catholic knows his church is open every day for his help, that the Church also meets him at every great event in life from the cradle to the grave with an appropriate sacrament, that

the impressive ritual, music, architecture and objects of sacred devo-tion—all these and many other things combine to fill him with a ciples I had once been taught to sense of reverence and develop to a marked degree that habit of worship. Of course all churches cultivate this same habit, but the Catholic success has been so marked as language which at first horrified me. The influences of your salon to constitute it one of their great contributions to our total Chriswere not allowed a training in virtue. Who ever tried to divine 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. All Protestants honor our Catholic brethren for their splendid insistence upon the sacredness of the marriage vows.

pactly together by this principle.

Making all due allowance for some

And the story goes on to tell that Felicien's parents were forced to acknowledge the justice of their son's merciless indictment. The mother confessed with tears that priests to make this sacrifice for the the religion of the Limerel family was founded on "respectability."

The persual of this passage may give some other Catholic parents a qualm of conscience. There are Catholic parents who perhaps send their children to a Catholic school their children to a Catholic school selves this joy and have entered the various Sisterhoods of the Church.

taught by the example of their home life. For the stable principles both believe that God sent His own of religion and belief in a future Son to die for sinful men upon the life, they substitute the fluctuating cross. No Christian body has excelled the Catholic Church To the iron law of God, they prefer the elastic code of Respectability. They surround the domestic Within and without all Catholic churches and in most Catholic homes are to be found the crucifixes circle with an atmosphere hostile to the influences of the Catholic classroom, by open critisism of the room, by open criticism of the Church and those in authority. Perhaps they teach their boys and girls to patronize their clergy and salvation is only through Christ."— Rev. Percy E. Wilmof, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Passaic, N. J.

## THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The children of such parents after points that is most frequently understood by non-Catholics.

Person of the Blessed Trinity in His human form. Hence we truly call her the Mother of God. This does not mean that she produced God, any more than the mother of a purely human being produces his immortal soul. But as we call the ordinary woman the mother of her son, though she has given him only his body and not his soul; so we call Mary the Mother of God, although she gave to Christ only Hishuman body and not His divinity.

But Mary was not only a virgin in conceiving and bearing Christ without the interposition of any human father. Mary remained a virgin, always. When Scripture speaks of the brethren of the Lord, it means the cousins of Christ. Some languages even today call first cousins brothers

Mary's miraculous conception of Christ is entirely different, of course, from her Immaculate Con-Christ ception. This latter means that she herself was conceived without original sin. It does not refer to Mary's conception of her own Son, and does not mean that there is any smirch in the ordinary way of conceiving children.

Nor does it mean that she was independent of Christ's merits and did not need to be saved by Him. She was saved by Christ just as much as anyone else. The only dif-ference is that ordinarily His merits are applied after birth by baptism; whereas with Mary they were applied at the first moment of conception and without the cere-

mony of Baptism.

And not only was the Blessed Virgin preserved from original sin. She never committed the slightest actual sin. For it would seem inconsistent with the dignity Christ to have received His body from anyone who was at any time under the dominion of His arch enemy Satan.

There are two sequences to all this: First, What Honor, provided less than the Honor due to God alone, is too great to lavish upon her, whom of all creatures— actual and possible—God selected to be His Mother? Second, What can Mary ask and not obtain? He commenced His public miracles at-her petition at the marriage feast of Cana. Is it reasonable to suppose that their relations have changed in this respect? Will He not just as readily accede to her requests now as then? Hence we pray to the Blessed Virgin to intercede for us with Christ. think that she has any independent power to help us, but only that she can ask her divine Son. You will notice in the various litanies that it is only God we ask to have mercy Mary we ask to pray for

without my life, I have none of neither law, nor strength, I fyou are a believer, and a believe exists, from what you have banished me."

Nor does the fact that we sometimes pray to Mary mean that we can not go direct to her Son. We less a good thing that the Christ's Most make Christ's Most make Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing that the Christ's Most make Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing that the Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing that the Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing that the Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing that the Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing that the Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing that the Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing that the Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing that the Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing that the Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing that the Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing that the Christ's Most church of the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good thing the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less a good the later Middle Ages, it was doubt-less and the later Middle Ages, it wa Christ should always be the central figure. He is our Saviour, and He He is the one mediator between God and man .- The Mission-

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