CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

JESUS

Jesus, to Thee from ways of sin and sadness, Trusting we turn for rest amid the strife;

Thou, Thou, alone canst give true peace and gladness, Thou art alone the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Thou art the Truth, dear Lord, Thy teaching only True light and wisdom can to us

impart; Thou, only Thou, canst keep the mind from error, Strengthening the will, and gently sway the heart.

Lord, be to us all that Thou hast promised; Be Thou our guide to shun the

Fill us with strength eternal life -J. G. HACKER, S. J.

EASY TO BARK

Fault finding is an easy job and thousands of people are working at it without pay. It takes an effort to accomplish things worth while. One writer illustrates it this way:

'A dog hitched to a lawn-mo stopped to bark at a passerby. The boy who was guiding the lawn-mower said. "Don't mind the dog; he is just barking for an excuse to It is easier to bark than to pull the machine

It is easier to be critical than It is easier to hinder than to help. Easier to destroy reputa-tion than to construct character. Anybody can gamble, criticize or censure, but it takes a big man to go on working faithfully at a constructive task.—The Tablet.

There is a word which cannot be said too often to every Christian whom God has destined to live, converse, and labor in the society of his fellow-creatures: he induly of his fellow-creatures: be indul-gent. Yes be indulgent; it is necessary for others, and it is necessary for your own sake. Forget the little troubles that others may cause you; keep up no resentment for the inconsiderate or unfavorable words that may be said about you; excuse the mistakes and awkward blunders of which you are the victim; always make out good intentions for those who have done you any wrong by imprudent acts or speeches; in a word, smile at everything, show a pleasant face on all occasions, maintain an iron all occasions, maintain an inex-haustible fund of goodness, pati-ence, and gentleness. Thus ence, and gentleness. Thus you will be at peace with all your are long. brethren; your love for them will suffer on alteration, and their love for you will increase day by day. But, above all, you will practise in an excellent manner Christian charity, which is impossible without this toleration and indulgence at every instant.—Russell, "The Art of Being Happy.'

FABRE'S ONLY LESSON

When the great entomologist Jean Henri Fabre was a young man he earned his living as an instructor physics and chemistry at the College of Ajaccio. But not yet had he found his true calling, as Mr. Percy F. Bicknell relates in to honor the Most Precious Blood of the Human Side of Fabre, nor was the God-man, Jesus Christ. Ninethe further that it until after he was teen hundred years have passed thirty years old.

visiting Corsica for the purpose of cataloging the plants of the island, fired him with added zeal for botanical research, and the entomologist Moquin-Tandon, professor to Corsica at the same time, kindled his enthusiasm for the study of insects. On the eve of his departure the professor remarked:

"Year resistance of the ento-blood nas been daily on our altars purifying and sanctifying mankind in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The mind travels back with tenderness to that day when there was offered, not the blood of goats or of calves, but the immaculate Blood of Him Who here our information and

hastily thrusting two needles each into a bit of vine shoot, he showed his breathlessly-attentive young host the anatomy of a snail; he dissected the mollusk in a deep plate filled with water. One by the explained the express that the second of the brutal scourgers as they performed their brutal task; dripping from the thorns which pierced that sacred brain; one he explained the express that

forgotten lesson in natural history
I ever received in all my life."
—Youth's Companion.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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Abraham Lincoln is looked upon by all Americans as one of the greatest men our country has produced. He was born in a rude log cabin in the midst of the woods of the woods of the midst of the woods of the woods of the midst of the salvation of the human race. That Blood which once the midst of the woods of the midst of the woods of the midst of the m

He studied by fire light; he used a shovel and charred stick in place of mot measure the love of God by his a shovel and charred stick in place of paper and pencil. Often he had to walk miles to secure a book. Infinite, Eternal. He empties Himself of His love by draining the last time studying and reading. During does the picture above represent? This is really too easy to be a puzzle, so I'll ask another question. There are many fish in the picture, but can you find a shark?

famous in a small locality. He grew strong and energetic, his brain keeping pace with his body.

An admirable trait of Lincoln

was his innate honesty. He once walked three miles to return a penny which belonged to a poor woman and another time walked several miles to return four-pence which he over-charged while clerk

the Life.

Thou art the Way, dear Lord, to Thee for guidance
From ways of sorrow and of death we flee;
Seeking the Father, vainly shall we seek Him,
Unless our steps are guided on by Thee.

Which he over-charged while clerk in a country store.

He was appointed postmaster and proved so reliable and honest that he was soon promoted. He became a lawyer and attained great success. The next step toward fame was a position as Senator of his State. At last he was made President of the United States, the greatest honor the people can greatest honor the people can bestow. Almost his first act was to free the slaves and down south, every year, Emancipation Day is celebrated with great rejoicings and clamorous praises of Lincoln.

As a mighty true and steadfast man, who clung with a firm, unweakening clasp to his ideals and bore on his shoulders the sorrow of a Civil War, Abraham Lincoln stands out as a great hero, worthy paths of sin;
Sow in our souls Thy sweet and accorded him.—Le Couteulx Leader.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS SHOWING RESPECT TO OLD

PEOPLE

For, oh, it meant so much to her to

This smiling boy so thoughtful of her years, And ere I passed her eyes were filled with tears.

I know how overjoyed she must have been, I thought as she thought—that our

coming men, To fill life's higher stations, shall some day
Be found to be such as had passed our wav.

I followed after him with hurried

he was proud for something he had won, Some little feat that he had tried and done.

when his swinging arms were Tablet.

Now, little children, when you chance to meet Some poor old man or woman on the

street, Bow gently to them-prove to them you know What makes their steps unsteady

and so slow; Then they'll be happy and shall bless the day They met you children trooping

down the way. THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

thirty years old.

A French botanist from Avignon, on Olivet, in the prætorium of the "You are interested in shells; of Him Who bore our infirmities and this is something, but it is not enough. You must study animal for the sins of the world. Soaking life. I will show you how to go about it." for the sins of the world. Soaking the very earth of Olivet on that Taking a pair of scissors from Madame Fabre's sewing basket and the knots and leashes and covering the post to which He was tied in the one he explained the organs thus displayed.

"And that," says Fabre, "was the one and only and never-to-beforgotten lesson in natural history I ever received in all my life."

Which pierced that sacred brain, dropping to the pavement in front of Pilate's palace and brightening each stone in the way that leads to Calvary; turning to a crimson hue that Cross and the Body of the Victim Who hung half-dead upon it; Jesus Christ, the Son of the Most High God, shed His Blood and shed

"Why all?" one may ask. In those days all schooling had to be paid for, and Abraham's father was poor in worldly things. Young Lincoln had a keen desire for knowledge and a sharp quick mind.

"Why all?" one may ask. "Was not one drop sufficient to satisfy for a thousand worlds a thousand times more guilty than ours?" The Heart of Christ was not content to offer

the day he chopped trees, split rails and performed other chores with such zeal and rapidity that he became famous in a small locality. He grew strong and energetic, his included in the strong and energetic, his constant in the limitless boundaries of His love. Man's love is a puny thing which he gives partly to God and retains partly for himself. A complete gift of one's affection is heroism, and man will not even practice heroism with God. It is quite easy to understand how a teaching, false though it be, which made the shedding of the Precious Blood a cloak to cover the sins of men, would gain adherents. Less arduous is it in a world of pleasure to place all the load of sin on the shoulders of another and to feel free of its consequences, than to struggle in a world where each action has its merit or

demerit.
The shedding of the Blood of Christ was not to leave the human soul without responsibility for the evil it may do. Salvation is not simply the belief in an Omnipotent Reing and His teaching. "Faith simply the belief in an Omnipotent Being and His teachings. "Faith without good works is dead." Faith has to be actuated by love, and love increased by service. God demands the soul of man which has been purified by His Blood and kept holy by sacramental graces. That Blood by sacramental graces. That Blood washes away all iniquity and sanctifies the heart and its affections. But to accomplish this, no barrier is to be placed in the way to block the impourings of God's graces. His Blood falls upon all, the just and the unjust, for their own ultimate salvation or perdition.

During the few weeks of the present month, the Christian will do well to honor the Precious Blood of the Saviour. Just a prayer from fervent hearts will prove to Him Who gave every drop of His Blood for man's redemption, that there are those in this forgetful world unforgetful of the infinite love and mercy of the world's Redeemer.

—Catholic Union and Times.

A GIRL'S CHARACTER

A girl cannot be too careful about her character, for like a snowy lily, the least blemish tarnishes its beauty. Some girls do not really mean any harm, but they seem to lack a delicate sense of propriety and frequently invite criticism of an unkind nature. They laugh loudly, make acquaintances too freely and consider reticence a requisite best suited for our grand-

mother's day.

The girl who is slow to make acquaintances is generally speaking, the best sort of girl. When you get to know her, you feel her worth and place her on the list of your friends with a feeling of pleasure. A little dignity is an excellent thing. It checks the familiarity of others and affords the superior attitude of mind. The girl who is truly up-todate in her ideals follows the dictates of good form. Thus she proves herself to be well bred and smart, shielding herself from the unpleasantness that is sure to come om a careless demeanor. - The

REAL LIBERTY

It seems to me that real liberty consists in obeying God in all things, and in following the light which points out our duty, and the grace which guides us; taking as our rule of life the intention to please God in all things; not only always to do what is most acceptable; not tri-fling with petty distinctions between sins great and small, imperfections and faults,—for although it may be very true that there are such dis-tinctions, they should have no weight with a soul which is deter-mined to refuse nothing it possesses o God. It is, in this sense that the Apostle says, "The law is not made some, hard, threatening law, one might almost say a tyrannical enslaving law; but there is a higher law which rises above all this, and leads him into the true " liberty of sons,"-the law which makes him always strive to do that which is most pleasing to his Heavenly Father, in the spirit of those beautiful words of St. Augustine: Love and do what thou wilt."-

All that time is lost that might be better employed.-Rosseau.



The figures in last week's Puzzle Picture are our Lady, St. Joseph and their cousins St. Elizabeth and St. Zachary (parents of St. John the Baptist.) The song was Our Lady's "Magnificat" beginning "My soul doth magnify" (always sung at



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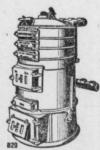
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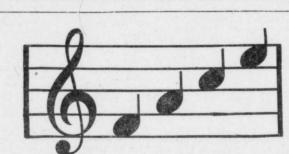
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