

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

CHRISTMAS
Christmas brings to young men, year after year, the same lesson from the Divine Babe of the manger...

Unless a Christian has the habit of self-denial against the wanderings of the heart and the inclinations of the flesh, where will he end?

The glory of a young man is his strength. But that glory should not rest only on his vigor of body, but on the robustness of his will-power...

Young men, don't shrink from the steadfast practice of self-denial. Don't avoid the fasts of Advent and Lent.

THE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT

"It takes a lifetime to learn to be kind." It was the emphatic remark of an elderly man noted for his rare combination of brains and heart.

That was a clear recognition, not often so clearly made, of the real end of a life of learning. Kindness is often said to be always its broadest sense, another word for love, and love is the law of life.

"Yes, I told him frankly that he was wrong, and I had to do it," said one college man just beginning to see clearly this vision of loving kindness.

CANNOT TRANSMIT GENIUS

The dictionary of the names of eminent men compiled by Sir Francis Galton listed 29,000 persons who reached eminence in the various fields of human achievement...

On the other hand, Galton shows that among English inventors James Watt alone may be rated as a heritor of his talents from his father, while George Stephenson was the son of a minor, and the father of Thomas Telford was a shepherd.

OPPORTUNITY

A stranger knocked at a man's door and told him of a fortune to be made. "Um," said the man, "it appears that considerable effort will be involved."

WHAT REALLY COUNTS

"If all Catholics would live up to their religion, they would render greater service to their Church, than they think they are doing by lengthy discourses on its truth and moral influence or leading movements in their support, while their own lives are out of harmony with its teachings," says the Catholic Telegraph.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

HAPPY CHRISTMAS
A happy, happy Christmas to you, dear children. And where shall our loving thoughts fly first when we wake on Christmas day?

Let us try to picture the beautiful scene. Let us think of the holy Virgin Mother in the lowly stable; St. Joseph kneeling there, so reverent, so adoring, gazing upon that tiny Infant, his God and our God, throned on Mary's knee...

Well, we have seen the story of the first Christmas, portrayed year after year, in the "Christmas Crib," as we call them, in our churches; we have knelt there and studied it lovingly, as indeed we ought to do.

AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

The bell for dismissal had just rung. The boys of the parochial school came rushing out, laughing and shouting. The last group lingered around the door until the organist of the church came, and with her hand over her eyes to the choir to practice singing for Christmas.

Presently the little soprano started to sing. It was only a Christmas hymn but it seemed to carry a message of cheer to the front of the church, and somehow he knew as he looked at the singer that this was the John Smith who had written for him "because no one else would think of him."

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The little soprano, watching him, knew that the receiver of his letter had "come back for Christmas."

CATHOLICS BELIEVE

That truth is one; therefore there can be but one true religion. That unity of doctrine is essential; and only one religion has this unity of doctrine.

That baptism is necessary for salvation; and that God gives to every man the means to be baptized, if not "by water and the word," at least by the implicit desire of the heart.

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PASSING OF MODESTY

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Manhood is not long in finding out how the moral world hangs together. Indeed, more than one deep moralist has observed that there are no discoveries to be made in morality.

The little Jellybys that we have created a problem of their own. They are wise—too wise—in their generation. They have had their love-affairs at an age when their grandparents were at spinning tops and dressing dolls.

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But there is an old remedy, simple and inexpensive, for our maladies which, since it prevented them from coming into existence, is better than the proverbial pound of cure, and so has ancient wisdom and modern prophylaxis in its favor.

This is no Puritanical jeremiad against the natural gaiety of youth; crabbed, ill-natured, dyspeptic whine. Even the most enthusiastic optimist cannot shut his eyes to our danger, the most barefaced apologist cannot explain our shame away.

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containing in the other. Otherwise, too, lovers of accuracy will laugh immoderately at the editor who allows his contributors to write in all seriousness about "Mount Carmelite Nuns," who display "kindly faces" at the door and dispense for a consideration "Holy Water" that "sets everything right."—America.

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