CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

HOW HE LOST HIS FRIENDS

He was suspicious of everybody. never threw the doors of his heart wide open to people, or took them into his confidence. He was always ready to receive

assistance from them, but always too busy or too stingy to assist them in

their time of need. He regarded friendship as a luxury to be enjoyed instead of an opportunity for service.

He never learned that implied, generous trust is the very founda-

tion stone of friendship.

He never thought it worth while to spend time in keeping up his

On about 'em day by day,
And I had no way of knowing
What became of father's pay. friendships.

He did not realize that friendship will not thrive on sentiment alone—that their must be service to nourish it.

He did not know the value of thoughtfulness in little things.

He borrowed money from them. He was not loyal to them. He never hesitated to sacrifice their reputation for his advantage. He was always saying mean things about them in their absence

He measured them by their ability to advance him.-Success

IS THIS YOUR PHOTOGRAPH?

The weak-willed man makes unpractical resolutions and promises, and fails to keep them. They were too hard (beyond his strength,) or too numerous He is not a man of his word, but changeful, inconstant, and unpunctual. It, perchance, he makes one good prudent resolution, he is powerless to persevere in it; for he does not take the necessary precautions for keeping it, nor has he confidence in his powers to keep it, as he does not know the strength of his will. He is either too impulsive or too phlegmatic in his choices; and knows not how to restrain impulse nor to prick on to action his cold nature. As a result his choices

are ill-made, and he forms habits of rash choosing or of hesitation and indecision. When called on to make an effort he either stirs up too much or too little emotion-in the former case his will-act ends in a blaze of excitement; in the latter, it fizzles out, leaving the task unaccomplished. The weak-willed man, if in authority, mistakes passion for power, and tries to bully and coerce with a kind of insane obstinacy. Not understanding what self-control means, and being at heart very diffident of his own powers, he makes a brave bad

weakness and inconsistencies.-Irish Ecclesiastical Record. THE KIND OF A GIRL TO MARRY

show by hectoring. In fine, his life

is rendered wretched by its inherent

A certain wit gives this advice to young men who are seriously thinking of taking unto themselves a wife.

Marry a girl, he says, who is smaller than you. Don't marry one who cannot laugh heartily. The personality of a girl can frequently be determined from what causes her to laugh. Don't marry a girl whose laughter is forced. Marry one who has a sense of humor and can see the bright side of things.

Don't marry a girl given to carping criticism, one who talks about her own friends when the latters' backs are turned; marry one who has a good word for those who are disparNow let me ask: "Are you kind to Jesus, says St. Paul. We to must Jesus Jesus, says St. Paul. We to must Jesus J aged in her presence.

Don't marry a girl who has the stilted and forced manners of " highbrow society. her smiles for strangers and makes her own people and intimate friends bear the brunt of her peevish moods, haps treat you with some consideration, for you are still a stranger to her. But rest assured that as soon as she becomes your wife, she will treat you like one of the family and that's no distinction.

she keeps you waiting half an hour merely to "prime up" so as to be faultlessly attired, don't marry her. If she appears immediately, her hair neatly done up and in a simple house dress, she is a practical girl. The chances are that the former is only presentable when she receives com pany and is otherwise slovenly, while latter is always neat and tidy, always ready to be seen.

If younger brothers give their elder sister nicknames, diminutive forms of male names, such as "Billy marry the girl, for she is a "good pal," her brothers' chum. Marry the girl who lights her father's pipe or cigar and who keeps his work or study room in order, or who gives her father the "once over" before he quits the house to make sure that no thread or speck of dust is on his coat collar.

All these details of conduct are evidence of a well-balanced character and an unselfish nature. They show the girl as she really is, not as she is when she poses or puts on company short on fact. He ruthlessly banmanners.-The Monitor.

money you ever earned through his unsupported imagination. had conquered the world? Didn't it ture and remodelling theology is give you a new strength, a new puronly pastime for this versatile pose—didn't you feel that you had genius. He has reconstructed the found your place, that fear had whole social system. the face ?-Catholic Columbian.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

FATHER

Used to wonder just why father Never had much time for play. Used to wonder why he'd rather Work each minute of the day. Used to wonder why he never Loafed along the road an' shirked; Can't recall a time whenever Father played while others worked

Father didn't dress in fashion, Sort of hated clothing new, Style with him was not a passion, He had other things in view. Boys are blind to much that's

going On about 'em day by day,

All I know was when I needed Shoes I got 'em on the spot; Everything for which I pleaded somehow, father always got. Wondered season after season, Why he never took a rest, And that I might be the reason Then I never even guessed.

Father set a store on knowledge If he'd lived to have his way He'd have sent me off to college And the bills been glad to pay, That I know was his ambition Now and then he used to say He'd have done his earthly mission On my graduation day.

Saw his cheeks were getting paler, Didn't understand just why, Saw his body growing frailer, Then at last I saw him die. Rest had come! His tasks were

ended. Calm was written on his brow Father's life was big and splendid, And I understand it now.

-EDGAR A. GUEST in Detroit Free Press ST. BONIFACE AND THE

THUNDER OAK On one of his missionary journeys St. Boniface found that the pagans held in high veneration a gigantic oak, which was sacred to Thor, the god of thunder and war. It was believed that the god would strike down with his thunderbolt anyone would venture to injure this sacred tree. The apostle resolved to cut it down. A great multitude gathered, expecting every moment the vengeance of the god. But before the axe of the missionary had cut very far into the trunk, a storm 'a divine blast from above, and the mighty crown came down with a great crash. The trunk split into four parts of equal size. But no harm happened to the perpetrator of this "crime" against the old gods, and many pagans in consequence embraced the faith. Out of the wood of the "thunder oak" the missionaries

constructed a chapel. YOUR MOTHER

Who guarded you in health, and comforted you when ill? Who hung were refused admittance to a village and James and John would call down over your little bed when you were fretful and put the cooling draughts to your parched lips? Who taught you how to pray, and gently helped you how to read? Who is so eager after your education and makes so many sacrifices for you in order that them. That was His revenge. Thus no stone will be left unturned, and were His actions, thus were His that you may get a good and solid words, Love your enemies, foundation to fight life's battle to them that persecute you. honestly, nobly and virtuously to the end? Who has borne with your faults, and been kind and patient in our Lord-of Hismeekness, patience your child's way? Who loves you humility and forgiveness of wrongs. still, and prays for you every day you So we too if we would be Christians live? Is it not your mother—your must be copies of Christ. Let that

your mother?" Do you not sometimes give her rude and insolent spirit of hatred and revenge. If this answers, even in the presence of spirit of mutual forbearance, charity The girl who saves strangers? Do you pray for mother and forgiveness exists in the family strangers and makes every day of your life? Are you not between brother and sister, husband proud of having a good mother to and wife, mistress and servant, they look after and guide you on the is not qualified for marriage. While you are courting her she will pervice is one of the many which at present is found the world over. Remember, friends, that "charity begins at home," that the fond mother is the joy and consolation of the home, and as the poet says: If you call on a young lady and mother is the holiest thing alive." -

OFF HIS BEAT

Professor Nathaniel Schmidt of Cornell is a man of many parts and wonderful versatility. His latest in the last three hundred years. advance is into the sacred realms of Biblical lore. He assures us that Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, had no real go hand-in-hand. existence. They were not individ-

uals but names of tribes. There is only one authority for our knowledge about Adam and Eve or Cain and Abel, only one authentic source of information and from it the Catholic Church. we learn that they were individuals. If the Bible account is not correct and reliable, where does the Professor get his knowledge? If we reject the Biblical narrative we have no foundation for any theory about

these persons. The modern higher critic is long on theory and argument but very ishes from consideration the beliefs THE FIRST MONEY YOU EARNED of thousands of years of practically all humanity and builds up a system Do you remember the very first of faith with no foundation beyond your own initiative, your own fessor Schmidt does not confine him-endeavor? Didn't you feel as if you self to the Bible. Revising the Scrip-

proof against assault—when he calls olic Church.

the fetish of mother love. We must grovel to it no longer. The State owns the child; to it alone is due love, honor and respect. The State will feed and clothe and educate and care for the child of the future.

The one outstanding lesson iswhat a fool a man can make of himself when he drifts away from religion. This pedantic egotist is going about the country lecturing to our young men and young women by the force of the authority which "doth hedge" a Cornell professor. Truly they are blasting at the rock of ages. Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad .- Providence Visitor.

THE INNER LIFE OF OUR LORD

It is our duty to believe in the truths taught by our Divine Lord and to worship Him, but we have also a higher duty to perform-to make our lives correspond to His in the secret and inmost recesses of the Our Lord has left us a model by example as well as by word and instruction how to live and conform our lives to the inner life of His soul. For His teaching and example were consistent, like sweet bells in accord.

Learn of Me for I am meek and lowly of heart, He tells us. Our Blessed Lord has given us an example of meekness and humility and forbearance of wrongs and injuries. Before His accusers He said; Why smitest thou Me? If I have done wrong why do you not bear witness of it; but if I have done well, why smitest thou Me?

He also teaches us by His example as after the Last Supper when He girded Himself and washed the feet of His disciples—an act done yet in cathedrals by Catholic sovereigns. This was not a religious act but an exhortation and example to service and personal kindness to others. He came to minister to others He took the form of a servant and was born in a manner below the ordinary servant. He said to the designing mother of the sons of Zebedee: ye do as I do? The princes of the world lord it over their subjects but He who is greatest in My Kingdom is the servant of all. Not those who are placed over others are always of the greatest service and usefulness but he who is meek and kind and suppresses self and does the most good in the world. Our Lord tells us that the disciple is not above his master, yet I your Lord and Master,

We have seen the meekness and humility of our Saviour; let us also consider His patience under persecu tion and suffering. One who lived with Him said: He was reviled and He reviled not. He was threatened and He threatened not. Once they fire from heaven and our Lord answered, Ye know not of what spirit ve are. The son of Man came not to destroy men's souls but to save them. Our Lord showed the forgiving spirit. On the cross He said, Father, forgive words, Love your enemies, do good

serve you as the lover of your souls.

This is only an incomplete and broken picture of the inner life of shall find peace and rest for their

SOME "INSIDE" FACTS

MODERN PROGRESS AND THE CATHOLIC

CHURCH

(By Rev. T. F. Coakley, D. D. Pittsburg, Pa.) There has been astounding progress in every department of the human mind in the last three hun-dred years; there has been astound-

The Catholic Church has kept peasantry. steady pace with the increasing pro-

most wonderful progress in the United States, Germany, England, that is in precisely those enlightened that was born within a few miles of my native town. countries of the modern world where scientific progress has reached its greatest heights.

The Catholic Church loves educa-

and her greatest conquests have been in those countries where there has been a high degree of edu-cation such as in the United States, Germany and England. The Catholic Church has made its of 1867.

greatest gains in those very coun-

tries where there is compulsory edu-

In countries where there is no compulsory education, the Catholic Church has made gains only in proportion to the ability of the people slipped away from you, that hence forth you were a new person, bound to win and able to look the world in lieved so sacred that it would be

The Catholic Church has made unexampled progress in spite of the fact that in her doctrines she is irrevocably committed to the past She cannot change her truths to suit the whims of the latest theorizer, or amateur theologian, any more than the multiplication table can be changed to suit the whims of dis-

honest stock gamblers.

The Catholic Church has the burden of nineteen centuries on her shoulders but no one can accuse her

of losing her influence over per and nations because she is old. other form of religion has made enduring conquests at all comparable to hers, none can keep pace with her, and she still is "up-todate" with an answer for every diffi-culty, a solution for every problem and a solace for every ill of the modern world.

The Catholic Church has made this immense progress because she preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and Him Crucived, and has not betrayed her divine Founder turning the institution established by Him into an uplift organization, a social welfare club, a community centre, or a socialistic group for the dissemination of merely humanitar

ian doctrines.

The Catholic Church has made immense progress in the United States simply because she has stead-fastly kept before her eyes the one great purpose of Christ in Founding the Catholic Church, namely, to save men's souls. To develop their bodies, to keep them clean, to teach them to play, to instruct them in folk dancing, to entertain them at the "movies," to become an adjunct for political parties, may well be the object of other organizations, but it is not the end for which the Catholic Church was instituted by Christ.

The Catholic Church has made immense progress in the United States and in other parts of the world in spite of enormous difficulties. She has not had wealth on her side, she pays double rates for the education of her children, she has been the victim of organized and subsidized oppositions on a colossal scale, and her children have been deliberately excluded from positions of prestige and honor in both public and private life. No human institu tion could make progress under such terrifying conditions; therefore the Catholic Church must be divine.

The Catholic Church now numbers more than 300,000,000 human beings. That is more than three times the total number of all other forms of Christianity combined. In other words, all the other forms of Christianity taken together do not number more than 100,000,000 or just about one-third the number of Cath olics in the world.

The progress of the Catholic Church for the last three hundred years presents the most remarkable phenomenon of all time. She is the only institution in the world's history that has never revised her con stitution, recast her doctrines, or reshaped her truths to suit changing fancies of the hour. She to-day the century old truths, that Christ taught, and those she teach forever, for Christ Himself, she is the same yesterday, to-day and forever.

HISTORIC CLONMEL "Clonmel, the historic capital of

Tipperary, taking its name, as we know, from two Irish words meaning the valley of honey, and resting, as the old song tells us, on 'the lovely, sweet banks of the Suir,' has its points of rare interest to the tourist and historian. It is universally rare Clonmel. known as valley in which it lies is beautiful indeed; no other scenery of its kind excels that along the trout and salmon laden Suir as it winds its way through the richly-wooded Knocklofty, with its gnarled oaks, centuries old, on through pleasant Marlfield, past the old town, skirting ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH and enhancing the incomparable hill scenery on its right bank, till it reaches the sea miles below the verdant and beautiful slopes of Gurteen la Poer. This combination of river and glen, rolling plain and mountain, makes one of the pleasantest and most picturesque and peaceful scenes on God's earth, writes a correspondent of The Catholic Press

of Sydney, Australia. The more the world progressed the more the Catholic Church makes of Sydney, Australia.

If can see now the old town nestling beside the Suir, backed by progress, for progress and Catholicity the old mountain, cultivated to its very top, a typical example of Irish

"One may find not only a few gress of the age, and the remarkable tems of historical interest in Clonprogress of the scientific world has mel. On a diverted portion of the en a real help to the progress of river is the site of Lady Blessington's the Catholic Church.

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> There is, of course, the historic gaol, over the gate of which, in the black days of the bitter past, was exhibited the spiked head of the martyred Father Sheehy, and where later on, were incarcerated Smith O'Brian, Thomas Francis Meagher, and other patriots of 1848, and subsequently prominent Fenian leaders

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