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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY In speaking of a person's faults, Pray don't forget your own ; Remember those with house of glass, Should seldom throw a stone, If we have nothing else to do But talk of those who sin, 'Tis better we commerce at home And from that point begin.

We have no right to judge a man Until he's fairly tried ; Should we not like his company. We know the world is wide Some have their faults, and who has not?

The old as well as young-Perhaps we may, for aught we know, Have fifty to their one.

Never !

I'll tell you of a better plan, And find it works full well, To try my own defects to cure Before of others tell : And though I sometimes hops to be No worse than some I know, My shortcomings bid me let The faults of others go.

Then let us all, when we commence, To slander friend or foe, Think of the harm one word may do, To those who little know, Ramambar cursas, sometimes like Our chickens, roost at home : Don't speak of others' faults until We have none of our own. -My Message

HARRY LAUDER ON DRINK

In a recent article published by Association Men," Harry Lauder, the comedian, gave this personal testimony: "No man can be suc-cessful and drink. It does not matter who he is-soldier or civilian. When I started on the stage somebody said. 'Well, it is a great life for dissipation and drinking." ' Well,' I said, 'if there is any success to be Palmer in True Voice. had through being sober and steady, I will get it,' and I took a vow that I would not touch, taste or handle strong drink of any description until I had made a name for myself. Now that I have made my name known all over the world, I see more necessity for doing the thing that is right than ever before, in order to hold that reputation. There is more need now for me to be sober and steady, for I am looked upou as an example."-St. Paul Bulletin.

KEEP THE HEART CHEERFUL To keep the face cheerful, the voice cheerful, to do good like a medicine, we must keep the heart cheerful. This is not an easy matter. One does not simply have to say, " I will be cheerful," and then have it He has to work for cheerfulness, just as he works to be honest, or kind, or brave, or learned. He must be looking out for bright things to see and do. He must deliberately, yet quickly, cho e which things he will think about, and how. He has to shut his teeth, as is were, sometimes, and his teeth, as is were, somethies, and turn away from the gloomy things, and do something to bring back the cheerful spirit again. If we are cheerful for others, we are doing good for ourselves. Good given, means good sent back. Cheerfulness can become a habit, and habit sometimes helps us over hard p aces. A cheerful heart sees cheerful things -Buffalo Echo.

SET DOWN THE BURDEN

An aged, weary-looking woman, with a heavy basket upon her arm, entered a train at a way station. Carrying her burden with some difficulty down the sisle, she found an empty seat, of which she took pos-Instead of placing her basket upon the floor or upon the seat beside her, she continued to hold it, shifting its weight now and then from one knee to another.

A workingman across the aisle watched her for some time in silence : but at last, when he could stand it

not come right. Perhaps it is in our thee may now accept me from school days and a problem has seemed to be too much for us; perhaps it is later in life and an important piece of work refuses obstinately to develop as we know it should. We have worked weary hours-we have not to hinder his passion. had success almost within our grasp and it has eluded us. We are filled with despair and discouragement and it is then a little imp whispers to us that we might as well quit. It is unhappily so easy to quit. It

to us that we will so easy to quit. It It is unhappily so easy to quit. It so often takes the highest kind of courage to stay, and we wonder sadly if it is all worth while-if the sadly if it is all worth while-if the sadly if it is all worth while anot to any. on the right track—that we have liar, its greater meaning escapes us. made a serious mistake—that this During these days we are preparmade a serious mistake—that this is not our line of work. We are con-ing ourselves in prayer and meditafident that failure has marked us for tion for that great Feast which is her own. Is this the time to quit?

ever ! This is the time to cling tighter will," such an outpouring of spirit-ual and material charity and kindthan ever, to work harder, to balieve ness. But if we consider Advent more, and by sheer personal force, in the proper spirit, we realize that by the spirit that must animate all it means far more than the coming of us who do anything well, push the of the anniversary of our Lord's load to the brow of the hill. Another hour on the problem plus the work that has gone before will bring the right solution. Another effort with there is always a danger that we stronger determination will bring to may unconsciously lose sight of this a successful conclusion the work of our later life, the story that seemed time. Of late since Christmas has to be without "punch," the song that become the great popular holiday we felt was without appeal, the plans of the year generous-minded souls that seemed to fall in unity and irrespective of religion and someeffect. Just that little bit more-but how much it is ! times without any care or thought about religion at all, are excited to

Don't be a quitter. But take a a londliness and thoughtfulness to firmer grasp on your work, realizing which that when you have almost reached times. which they are strangers at other the top is just the time for you to stand by. It is the time for you to reap the benefits of all the hard work they do, we must not forget that they But while according all due credit that has gone before. Most of us are not necessarily Christian senti-have only ourselves to blame if we become distinct failures and one of themselves to material things and the most potent reasons is the ease material giving. Good cheer and with which we quit - because we good feeling may be religious or not as the case may be, but we Catho-lics should not mistake all this for haven't the sand to stand by .- H. G.

the real Christmas spirit, which is an entirely different and higher in-OUR BOYS AND GIRLS fluence. Now especially, when the world has been writhed in the agonies of

SHORT SKETCH OF LIVES OF SAINTS OF THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 25 .- ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

scourged. She fled to the

bore it to the grave.

MARTYR

waiting for the day when a just and lasting peace will come, we have all the more reason to enter into the Catherine was a noble virgin of lasting peace will come, we have all Alexandria. Before her baptism, it the more reason to enter into the is said, she saw in vision the Blessed true realization of what Advent Virgin ask her son to receive her among His servants, but the Divine means. With what terrible clearness the

Catherine saw the same vision, when the contries overrun by Catherine saw the same vision, when the contries overrun by Seus Christ received her with great affection, and espoused her before the court of heaven When the contribution of the source of the same vision when the source of the source affection, and espoused her before or scattared, who are prisoners or the court of heaven. When the suffering for the plain, simple things impious tyrant Maximin II. came to Alexandria, fascinated by the wisthat keep, body and soul together appreciate the signifiance of Advent, dom, beauty, and wealth of the the coming of Christo bring peace Saint, he in vain urged his suit. At and healing to His sorely afflicted last in his rage and disappointment cuildien! When everything material has he ordered her to be stripped and

been swept away by calamity, and all that mankind naturally puts its Arabian mountains, where the soldiers overtook her, and after many torments put her to death. Her body was laid trust in and relies upon has disap peared, the mind turns to God, who is the only true and lasting hope of the nations. It is pitiful indeed in Mount Sinai, and a beautiful legend relates that Catherine having prayed that no man might see or to reflect that so many millions of innocent and worthy people have been forced to undergo a martydom touch her body after death, angels that tests not only the strongest fortitude of soul, but tests also the NOVEMBER 29 -ST. SATURNINUS,

highest power of faith in the human Saturninus went from Rome, by soul, but it is consoling to think also that many of these have been able direction of Pope Fabian, about the year 245, to preach the faith in Gaul. He fixed his episcopal see at Toulto find hope and consolation in a faith that no human agency can de-

The fixed his opticopart set at loss first out to be a set of the first out of the set o were but few Christians in the place. However, their number grew fast Tais Advent, therefore, of all after the coming of the Saint ; and Advents in history should not be almultitude was gathered by an altar, where a bull stood ready for the sacsorely, and who are still suffering. We ought as men and women of faith to pray God that in His mercy rifice. A man in the crowd pointed out Saturniaus, who was passing by, and the people would have forced him to idolatry; but the holy bishop answered: "I know but one God, and to Him I will offer the sacrifice He will shorten the days of anguish for the nations and bring to mankind in all justice, but also in His divine pity for his afflicted children, peace to the maddened, tortured of praise. How can I fear gods, or praise. How can I fear gods, who, as you say, are afraid of me?" On this he was fastened to the bull, which was driven down the capitol. The brains of the Saint were scatworld and that while angels and men are singing His 'Glory Excelsis," he may in His wondrous Providence send down upon the earth" Peace to men of good will." upon the tered on the steps. His mangled was taken up and buried by

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swung to the other extreme and not the faith of his honest father and put enough stress on good works. cannot turn in loyal confidence to Good works dont save, but faith the memory of his self-sacrificing without works is dead. Our religion mother. And, in the end, the po is too much talk. We have too many wretch feels the futility of it all, f women's meetings and not enough he has lost the substance and grasped Sisters of Charity. Kindly, generous at the shadow. He has gained noth-acts -people believein that kind of ing, for we say without fear of conreligion "The Catholic charities, covering

very conceivable case of need and suffering, put Protestants to shame. One orphanage is worth a whole ton of tall talk. Christianity is not only a recipe for getting to heaven, it is rather a powerful incentive to make this world better for our being in it. -Rev. C. M. Peters, (Baptist)

FREEMASONRY AND CATHOLICS From Truth

There are Catholics to be found

who assert that the opposition of the Ohurch to Freemasonry is based on misapprehension. Its high-sounding platitudes about the brotherhood of man and toleration towards all forms war and its consequences, when the amount of actual suffering, want and of religion appeal to men who are quite ignorant of Masonic history and incapable of judging Masonic prindespair on the other side of the Atlantic is almost incalculable, when ciples. They pay no heed to the statement of the convert, Sir Francis manki id is in groaning and travail Burnand, who says, from his own knowledge, that "Logically no Christian can be a Freemason unless he be a sort of hedging Christian" : or

to the no less explicit declaration of the English Protestant Chief Justice Lilley, that "no man can administer justice and be a Freemason." It should be sufficient for the Catholic to know that every Pontiff in turn has condemned the association from its very inception, two centuries ago, and that it has also been banned by the civil authorities in many of the European States. But in order that no misconception may remain as to the nature of the institution, we are

in a position to judge it from the official statements of its own leaders. Freemasonry, in the language of Mackey, its recognized exponent, is "a complete system of morality veiled in symbols." What do Catho morality lics, who have the revelation of Christ, want with another system of moral-ity ? Its morality is not Christian, for Albert Pike declares that "there is but one true religion, one legiti-mate belief, and that is Freemasonry." And Mackey adds that "it con tains everything that the soul of man requires." Freemasonry has its altars, its chaplains, its prayers, and its ritual; and, from a religious point of view alone, cannot be accepted by Catholics, except through

adventurers were promoted and kept in office by the unscrupulous Masonic which the safety of the country de-pends, this unpatriotic institution worth while events. exerted its baneful power. On one fateful day, when the national exist-Masonic Government, And now the and Petain, and Castelnau, who were kept in subordinative posts because their uncompromising Catholicism prevented them from joining the Freemasons. The Italian Govern- the fold.

wretch feels the futility of it all, for tradiction that no Catholic Free mason has ever gained a position by

ents attended to and the, income delivered to

his apostasy which he could not attain by honest assiduity. There is no need in this bounteous country for any man to cringe for patriotism The cripger is marked by the Masons, and the limit to which they will help him is law. / Burdened by the knowl-edge that he has betrayed his God, distrusted by the old friends and despised by the new, there is no happiness for him, unless he flings off the shackles of cowardice and returns to the fold, where his return to manliness and honesty will be welcome

Sir Walter Scott must surely have been thinking of such a man when he wrote the scathing lines :

Despite those titles, power and pelf, The wretch, concentered all in self. Living, shall forfeit fair renown, And, doubly dying, shall go down To the vile dust, from which the

sprung, Unwept, unhonored and unsung."

READING MATTER FOR GIRLS

AVOID SENSATIONAL READING

While everyone admits that this is a newspaper reading age, and that we must keep close track of the day's news if we are to be at all " up " on the world's work, common sense tells us that we must, if we are in any way anxious to get a truthful version of worth-while events, in clude in our reading matter, welledited Catholic weekly newspaper or at least a Catholic magazine.

Indeed, the home that boasts of its aany publications, yet lacks a paper of Catholic tone is managed by a woman evidently quite indifferent to most important duty-that of instilling into the minds of the reading members of her family ideals of the right sort. Of course, we must admit that there are exceptions to many rules. It is only too true that some mothers are too busy to give much, or in fact any time, to b or to papers, but the girls of the bousehold can always find a spar hour, and these young women should see to it that a Catholic publication comes regularly into their homes.

Any girl, particularly the busines an act of apostasy. Its objective in girl who foolishly draws her concluafter the coming of the Saint; and his power was felt by the spirits of evil, who received the worship of the heathen. His power was felt by heathen. His power was felt be opportunities. While we prepare of the heathen worship, on the way of the heathen worship, on the way In France capable and deserving expound religious truths, in this she men were blocked, and worthless is gravely mistaten. At least a number of our Catholic publications are keenly alive to the trend of the cabal. And even in the army, on times, and know to a certainty all which the safety of the country de. at out "what's what" in the day's As far as "expounding religiou truths" are concerned, it would be ence of France was at a critical well for the vast majority of us to stage, the Commander in Chief was read up on those subjects. Indeed, compelled to dismiss no fewer than we should extend a warm welcome 130 incapable or traitorous generals, to the paper or magazine that is who were placed in command by the good enough to inform us upon those matters, for probably every one of us has, at some time or other, felt won their honors on the field, Foch keenly ashamed of not being able to answer in a satisfactory manner this or that question concerning some point of faith which was put to us by a well meaning friend outside

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no longer, he reached over and touched the woman upon the arm. "Madam," he said, " if you will set your basket down, the train will carry both it and you."

How much of human nature there How much of human nature there is in this little incident! Some persons never try to ease the bur-den which circumstance has decreed shall be theirs. They insist on carrying it, even when they might tem-porarily lay it down and ease their breaking backs.—Catholic Colum-

THE QUITTER

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How we all despise him-whether it is as a lad in the game or in the bigger game of life. It doesn't matter in our judgment of him whether he is following inherited instincts and feels that he simply can't stand up and take what's coming to him and fight back, or whether he has failed in building himself strong enough to make the best of reverses. We scorn him on general principles. We seem to feel that cowardly spirit showing through all principles. he does and the fact that a blow put him down and out and he leaves the field is enough for us.

He outrages all our principles of living-this man who is a quitter. In boyhood days maybe he is a big brawny chap looking well able to do up the whole crowd, but some way the little plucky fellows get the best of him and later in life in all he attempts he shows the same lack of grit. We always feel that he would wia if he would stick, but he deosn't grit. give himself a chance and we are He quits and we mark He guits and we mark e list. to die, he greeted the precious wood with joy. "O good cross!" he cried, "made beautiful by the limbs of disgusted. him off our list.

To all of us and in everything we do there come moments of intense discouragement - when the special thing we are working on simply will that He Who redeemed me through upon

two devout women.

NOVEMBER 80. - ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

St. Andrew was one of the fishermen of Bethsaida, and brother, per-

arms and present me to my Master,

haps elder brother, of St. Peter, and "Catholics teach us the lesson of haps side brother, or st. reter, and became a disciple of St. John Baptist. He seemed always eager to bring others into notice; weather is just to their liking. Who when called by Christ himself on the banks of the Jordan, his first thought was to go in search of his with a hard week's work behind them, while we are asleep, hastening to the Catholic Church with prayer brother, and he said, "We have found the Messias," and he brought him to Jesus. It was he again who, book in hand ?

-The Pilot.

PROTESTANTS LEARN

when Christ wished to feed the five thousand in the desert, pointed out the little lad with the five loaves and fishes. St. Andrew went forth "Catholics go to church to worship, Protestants frequently to hear an eloquent preacher. Catholics seldom even in their prosperity turn against upon his mission to plant the faith their Church. Would to God our in Scythia and Greece, and at the end of years of toil to win a martyr's rich Protestants were as faithful 'The rich Catholic hesitates not to crown. After suffering a cruel scourging at Patræ in Achaia, he was kneel by the side of the poorest. There is real democracy in a Catholeft, bound by cords, to die upon a cross. When St. Andrew first caught sight of the gibbet on which he was lie congregation in prayer before

God. "In caring for their children Cathowith joy. "O good cross!" he cried, show that Protestants do not hold their own children to the Church. Christ, so long desired, now so hap-pily found! Receive me into thy

ment, through no love of Catholicism. No matter how clever a young was also compelled to decree, years before the War broke out, that no woman may be, or thinks she is, she should not delude herself with the soldier can be a Freemason. idea that sensational reading will in And what does the world-even the

any way add to her fund of infor-mation. Far better to know little, Masonic world—think of the Catho-lic who forsakes his faith to join the or in fact nothing about what is Order? Just as it thinks of the wretched disciple who sold his Master for thirty pieces of silver. He cannot even advance in his defense the Protestant ideal of going on in the great world around us than to poison our minds with reading which is nothing more than the over drawn fancies of some mis guided individual's imagination. brotherbood ; but he stands exposed By all means read a Catholic publication, and thus not only learn more about your faith, but keep

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