

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

FOR THE DEAD

Those holy souls, they suffer on, Resigned in heart and will, Until Thy high behest is done, And Justice has its fill. For daily falls, for pardoned crime, They joy to undergo The shadows of Thy cross sublime, The remnant of Thy woe.

Help, Lord, the souls which Thou hast made, The souls to Thee so dear. In prison for the debt unpaid, Of sins committed here,

Oh, by their patience of delay, Their hope amid their pain, Their sacred zeal to burn away Disfigurement and stain; Oh, by their fire of love, not less, In keenness than the flame, Oh, by their very hopelessness, Oh, by Thy own great Name.

Good Jesus, help! sweet Jesus, aid The souls to Thee most dear, In prison for the debt unpaid Of sins committed here!

THIRSTLEDOWN

Reason, blind reason, can no more take the place of faith than a fire can take that of the sun. No matter what coruscations our pyrotechnic friend may emit, he is darkness compared to the day star of our skies. Thus, too, with human knowledge. It can explore, analyse, compound, measure the depths of the sea, the distance of the stars; but outside the realm of nature it cannot so much as peep.

Untruth is the lack of agreement between the heart and the lip. When we say what we do not mean we are untruthful; when we say what we do not will we are insincere. Insincerity is vocal hypocrisy, just as hypocrisy is insincerity in action.

One of the noblest encomiums that can be pronounced of any man is that he keeps his word. It is a distinction which even the scoundrel covets and pretends to possess. It carries with it the connotation of upright, manly, truthful character. Conscience is not only a safe guide, but a witness we cannot influence or remove. We may control the tongue, disguise the features, and subdue the passions; but we cannot permanently silence the still, small voice of conscience.

A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.—Catholic Columbian.

THE FAILURES OF YESTERDAY

If you have had a hard day, a day that was a distinct failure, what a disheartening impression it leaves. How difficult it is for us to shake off the memory of it and begin the new day with a brave face!

But these yesterdays! They are past and gone, for good or for evil. It is beyond our power to live them again and live them better. We must rest content with today. We cannot afford to shackle fresh effort with these dismal failures. We must not cloud the new day with any of the stain and soil, the discouragement and pain, that yesterday brought. We have before us something fresh, new and untainted. We have still another wonderful opportunity to do all those splendid things which we failed to accomplish yesterday. Every day brings new opportunity; each rising sun beckons us on to fresh efforts, new triumphs. Shall we permit yesterday's disappointments to cast their shadows? Shall we dim the brightness of the morning sun with the black thoughts of the good things we missed the day before?

The strong man shakes these shadows from his mind. He reaches out for the good there is in store for him. He will think of nothing but success. He has room in his mind for only that one thing and how he shall achieve it.

No man can take up the day's work with expectation of success, who does not take it up free from the burden of failure which previous days have brought. Remember such days enough to profit by the mistakes, and then—forget them!—The Sentinel of The Blessed Sacrament.

THE MEN WANTED TODAY

Men who cannot be bought. Men whose word is their bond. Men who put character above wealth.

Men who possess opinions and will voice them. Men who would, rather be right than be President.

Men who will not lose their individuality in a crowd. Men who will not think anything profitable that is dishonest.

Men who will be honest in small things as well as in great things. Men who will make no compromise with questionable things.

Men whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires. Men who are willing to sacrifice private interests for the public good.

Men who are not afraid to take chances; men who are not afraid of failure.

Men of courage, who are not cowards in any part of their nature. Men who are larger than their business! who overtop their vocation.

Men who will not have one brand of honesty for business purposes and another for private life.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE POOR ABANDONED SOULS

From lowest depths they cry to us in pain, Our dear, dead friends, and must they cry in vain? For we may help them their great debt to pay, To God's just law, then pray for them today!

Pray for the dead, not only for your own, The kindred dear, the friends beloved and known, But for the poor abandoned souls in need, Remember then, in dire distress they plead.

With none to pray for them, alone they grope, In their deep night, forgotten, they still hope That you will pray today for their release; The poor abandoned souls, God grant them peace!

God rest their souls! Release them from the fire That purges them from sin, grant their desire. Our alms will aid them, how this thought consoles! Then pray today for abandoned souls.

—HENRY COYLE

YOUNG DANIEL WEBSTER

Daniel Webster's father had great difficulty in teaching the principles of farming to the son who afterwards became so illustrious in other directions. One day, when the two were in the hayfield, Daniel found it impossible to manage the scythe. It hung too far out or too far in; and the patient father, coming to the rescue, tried his best to adjust it to suit the boy. Finally losing patience, Mr. Webster said: "Nothing suits you, Daniel. Hang the scythe any way you wish."

Then, father, replied the future statesman, "I think I'll hang it on a tree."

And he left the hayfield to the disgust of his parent who sighed as he said: "That boy, I fear, will never amount to a row of pins." But he found out in time that Daniel could "work like a beaver" if he pleased, although he never took to haymaking.

"I WILL"

"Will you hold this fort?" asked General Rosecrans of General Pierce at Stone river.

"I will try, general!"

"Will you hold this fort?"

"I will die in the attempt."

"That won't do. Look me in the eye, sir, and tell me, will you hold this position?"

"I will," said General Pierce, and he did.

Note how General Rosecrans refused to accept "I will try," or even a promise to "die in the attempt," as a satisfactory answer to his question. What he was after was the "I will." Note also the form of his question: "Will you?" not "Will you try?"

Beware of the "I will try" frame of mind. It is not very far removed from the "I can't" attitude. Cultivate the "I will" habit. Ask yourself each morning: "Will I make good today?" And let your answer be, "I will."

How about that bad habit of yours?

SOME FAMOUS MEN WERE RATED AS DUNCES

In handing out prizes at Christ college, Blackheath, Lord Justice Scrutton consoled the boys who were not among the winners by saying that four out of the foremost judges on the English bench today never won an honor during their school life. Since then, there has been an attempt to ascertain some of the dunces who have won great places for themselves in British history.

Isaac Newton, discoverer of the universal law of gravitation, was pronounced a dunce when a schoolboy.

Hume, the philosopher, was described in his youth as having a weak mind.

Gibbon, the historian, was pronounced "dreadfully dull."

Dryden, the greatest of English satirists, was in his boyhood said to be a "great numskull."

Oliver Goldsmith never showed any promise in his early youth.

Sir Walter Scott won the appellation of "the boy with the thickest skull in school."

The Duke of Wellington, after a dismal experience at Eton, was sent to the Military College of Angers to qualify him, as it was then said, "to become food for powder."—Catholic Bulletin.

SAY, GIRLS!

Henry C. G. writes: "F. B. E., who has a national reputation as a sportsman and is a charming writer of magazine stories on angling and other features of outdoor life, said in one of his stories:

"Whenever I see girls and women with painted lips and calimined, I wonder if they think it causes admiration. To real men it is disgusting. Paint and powder never make a woman beautiful. It is an indication that she has a bad complexion—doubtless poor health from lack of proper exercise. Fair skin and rosy cheeks depend upon perfect health, not rouge and powder."

"If girls and women, upon arising in the morning, would go through a few simple exercises, followed by a cold water sponge bath and a rub-down with a coarse Turkish towel, nature would take care of their complexions. If the cold plunge causes a pleasant feeling of exhilaration, it is an indication of being beneficial. If it proves enervating, then it is detrimental and tepid water should be used. Cold water for the face is a wonderful beautifier. Once the habit of exercise is formed, it becomes second nature and in connection with this I would suggest that they go out mornings and take long walks, or play golf, tennis, ride horseback, etc."

"Women and girls who work for a living complain they haven't time for such things. The trouble is they are too lazy. Get up a few minutes earlier in the morning. After breakfast walk part of the way to work, if possible. Or do it at night on the way home. If the time you cease work is late and it is necessary for you to reach home in time for dinner, then do your walking before you retire."

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