

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE TOWN CALLED "DON'T-YOU WORRY"

"There's a town called Don't-You Worry... On the banks of the River Smile, Where the Cheer-up and Be-Happy Blossom sweetly all the while...

A FAITHFUL DOG

Attached to a French command was a dog named Michael, larger, stronger, more intelligent than the others and of a gentle nature that made him a general favorite...

The day came, however, when Henri failed to return, and as the men stumbled back again to safety, Michael scanned with anxious eyes each pale, haggard face...

In a remote part of the field they found the young fellow lying still and cold. After a hasty examination the attendants left him for dead, hurrying away to succor the living...

Not twenty feet away, creeping slowly towards the trenches, but halting abruptly every minute loomed a large, dark object. The sentry advanced cautiously, finger on trigger, demanded curtly, "Who goes there?"

Michael it was, gasping, panting, but still the same old dog Michael—but not alone. Behind him, parts of his uniform peeped out...

A CHRISTIAN HERO

The life story of Michael J. Leahy, of Pittsfield, Mass., who died recently, is a tale of Christian heroism as inspiring as it is holy and beautiful...

With admirable courage and perseverance he set himself to earn a living first as a teacher and for the last twenty years as a newspaper dealer.

Mr. Leahy was a devout Catholic, attending St. Joseph's church and holding a membership in the Holy Name Society, the St. Vincent de Paul conference and the promoters of the League of the Sacred Heart.

shame at their remissness and coldness! A long time friend gives further testimony to the fullness of religious consolation that made Michael Leahy's life so useful and happy.

"I came to know him intimately as the days rolled on," writes this friend in The Eagle. "Our paths crossed every day, winter or summer, through all the years."

"There was no man in Mikey Leahy. Out of the very way in which he had to live, he learned the value of dependence and patience and kindness. He always seemed to be waiting for somebody to open a door for him, yet he was always on time and somehow appeared to give just a little more than he received."

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

SHORT SKETCH OF LIVES OF SAINTS OF THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 19.—ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Elizabeth was the daughter of a king of Hungary, and niece of St. Hedwig. She was betrothed in infancy to Louis, Landgrave of Thuringia, and brought up in his father's court. Not content with receiving daily numbers of poor in her palace, and relieving all in distress, she built several hospitals, where she served the sick, dressing the most repulsive sores with her own hands.

NOVEMBER 20.—ST. FELIX OF VALOIS

St. Felix was son of the Count of Valois. His mother throughout his youth did all she could to cultivate in him a spirit of charity. The union of divorce between his parents matured a long formed resolution of leaving the world; and, cooing his mother to her pious brother Thibault, Count of Champagne, he took the Cistercian habit at Clairvaux. His rare virtues drew on him such admiration that, with St. Bernard's consent, he fled to Italy, where he led an austere life with an aged hermit. At his time he was ordained priest, and his old counsellor having died, he returned to France, and for many years lived as a solitary at Cerfroid. Here God inspired him with the desire of founding an Order for the redemption of Christian captives, and moved St. John of Matha, then a youth, to conceive a similar wish.

NOVEMBER 21.—THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Religious parents never fail by devout prayer to consecrate their children to the divine service and love, both before and after their birth. Some amongst the Jews, not content with their general consecration of their child, offered them to God in their infancy, by the hands of priests in the Temple, to be lodged in apartments belonging to the Temple, and brought up in attending the priests and Levites in the Sacred ministry. It is an ancient tradition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was thus solemnly offered to God in the Temple in her infancy. This festival of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin the Church celebrates this day. The tender soul of Mary was then adorned with the most precious graces, an object of astonishment and praise to the angels, and of the highest complacency to the adorable Trinity; the Father looking upon her as His beloved daughter,

the Son as one chosen and prepared to become His mother, and the Holy Ghost as His darling spouse. Mary was the first who set up the standard of virginity; and, by consecrating it by a perpetual vow to Our Lord, she opened the way to all virgins who have since followed her example.

NOVEMBER 22.—ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN, MARTYR

In the evening of her wedding day with the music of the marriage hymn ringing in her ears, Cecilia, a rich, beautiful, and noble Roman maiden, renewed the vow by which she had consecrated her virginity to God. "Pure be my heart and undefiled my flesh; for I have a spouse you know not of—an angel of my Lord." The heart of her young husband Valerian was moved by her words; he received Baptism, and within a few days, on his brother Tiburtius, who had been brought by him to a knowledge of the Faith, sealed their confession with his blood. Cecilia only remained. "Doyou not know," was her answer to the threats of the prefect, "that I am the bride of my Lord Jesus Christ?" The death appointed for her was suffocation, and she remained a day and a night in that way, head and neck severed. But "the flames had no power over her body, neither was a hair of her head singed." The licitor sent to dispatch her struck with trembling hand the three blows which the law allowed, and left her still alive. For two days and nights Cecilia lay with her head half severed on the pavement of her bath, fully sensible, and joyfully awaiting the crown; on his third the agony was over, and A. D. 177 the Virgin Saint gave back her pure spirit to Christ.

NOVEMBER 23.—ST. CLEMENT OF ROME

St. Clement is said to have been a convert of noble birth, and to have been consecrated bishop by St. Peter himself. With the seven apostles he began to rule the Church of God; and thus he was among the first, as he was among the most illustrious, in the long line of those who have held the place and power of Peter. He lived as the same time in the same city with Dominian, the persecutor of the Church; and besides external foes he had to contend with heresies and schisms within. The Corinthian Church was torn by intestine strife, and the members set the authority of their clergy at defiance. It was then that St. Clement interposed in the plenitude of his apostolic authority, and sent his famous epistle to the Corinthians. He urged the duties of charity, and above all of submission to the clergy. He did not speak in vain; peace and order were restored. St. Clement had done his work on earth, and shortly after sealed with his blood the Faith which he had learned from Peter and taught to the nations.

"WE DARE TO SAY"

We should not dare, but we are emboldened by the command of Christ, "Thus shall ye pray." What we are we know; what God is, we shall never fully know, even when we stand in His presence. But of this we are persuaded, that we are weak and without favor, and for our many sins, despicable; that God is all powerful, all-beautiful, and for Himself most lovable. The daring words, inspired by Divine presumption, we repeat daily, addressing the Almighty, "adorned by saving precepts and taught by God Himself," by the consoling name of "Father."

In these days of trial, when hearts are sore and homes are empty, and the joy that made life sweet, has been changed to mourning, we need to reach a fuller realization, that He from whom all things are, is in very truth our "Father." Whatever love a father bears for his helpless little child, that same love is in our great need, is coldness, when compared with the tender, patient love of our Father in Heaven. Whatever watchful care a human father may hold for the dearly beloved child of his heart slipping down to the brink of death, is but the faintest reflection of the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father for the least of His sinful children. We may walk long in the shadow of death, but the approach of evil shall not shake our trust in Him. Of old, there was the Siles One, His Blessed Child, who was bound to a pillar to be scourged, was buffeted and spat upon, and clad as a fool, and crucified with thieves by His own people and His nation. But for this cause God exalted Him. We are all brothers of Jesus, children of the household whose head is God. If beyond these wearying confines of time and space, there were no lasting City, where every wrong is righted and every tear is changed to joy, we might think that our Father had forgotten His promises. But He will take care of us. We have a claim upon Him which even omnipotence cannot break. He will not suffer us to be lost in the wilderness, but will come on to meet us, to guide us home. For He is our Father—America.

GUILD FOR AIRMEN

Cardinal Bourne recently paid a visit to the church in Ashford, Middlesex, England, which is dedicated to St. Michael, and where has been established the new Guild for Flying Men. His Eminence, preaching at the

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High Mass, dwell on the appropriateness of the choice of a patron for the new force which meant so much to the armies. Michael led the hosts of heaven against the hosts of evil and hauled the latter to destruction. He was a fitting protector for these young men, knights of the air, who had to encounter so many dangers and who had a new realm to wage warfare in. Moreover, these young men needed our prayers. No life was more trying or more courageous and none needed more perfect health. Sobriety and purity were necessary to the efficient aviator, and in the temptation of a military life, with a career in which he had to face death a hundred times a day, he needed to be always prepared and to be fortified by the prayers of the faithful.

Although the guild has not been long in existence, it has already a very large number of members, and several civilians, including ladies, have been admitted as honorary associates.

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