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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN hard work.

RELIANCE

Not to the swift, he race ; Not to the strong, the fight ; Not to the righteous, partect grace; Not to the wise, the light. But often faltering feet

Come surget to the goal ; And they who walk in the darkness

meet The sunrise of the soul.

A thousand times by night The Syrian hosts have died ;

A thousand times the vanquished right

Hath risen, glorified.

The truth the wise men sought Was spoken by a child ; The alabaster box was brought In trembling hands defiled.

Not from my torch, the gleam, But from the stars above ; Not from my heart, life's crystal

stream, But from the cepths of love.

-HENRY VAN DYKE

A LENTEN SUGGESTION

To most people, especially the young, the seven weeks of Lent seem interminable. The seasons of merry. making, theatre-going, and general amusements, which comes in with such a rush after Christmas, is now brought to a standstill for all who are worthy of the name Catholic. Even what is called "society" is forcad, by common decency, to con-form, at least exteriorily, to the panitential customs. Now every one, the young and the

old, should bear in mind that something is required of them during the season-all, in imitation of our Lord, must make some sacrifice. So few there are who think them selves obliged to fast or abstain, that the great majority are obliged to invent some means of mortification which, while it will not injure their health, or prevent them from fulfilling their duties, will, at least, make them feel the spirit of this holy time.

I don't see any harm in going to a theatre during Lent ; it isn't a mortal sin," says some young simpleton. No, it is not a morsal sin ; but it shows that you have very little love of God in your heart-for you are likely one of those who maintain that you cannot fast. Would you also persuade yourself that you are capable of no practices of mortification, even so slight a denial as this ? Lent is the time of self denial, penance and prayer, and, therefore, parties, balls and public amusements are out of place. Your evenings should be spent at home with your family. Interest yourself in good reading or in works of charity. Try to be home every evening in time to join in with the family in the recitation of the Rosary. A11 these things will prepare your soul for a happy Easter. No one is worthy to rise with Christ at Easter who has not denied himself during it better. Lent.

Strive to conquer resentment, over sensitiveness, coldness, unkind, sus-picious, harsh words. No one be-comes holy in a day, and, on the other hand, no one usually separates from God by a sudden rupture. Dan-gerous reading, a prayer neglected, a fit of day dreaming that we have indulged in, a light, frivolous friendship that we have kept up ; these are the little things that form the starting point of a ruincus course. Let us make serious resolutions for the of Lent.-St. Paul Bulletin.

fail-is nothing more than infinite hard work. That is the best genius -hard, steady, careful work. It

stand that, I with every boy could under. they to triggten bim. "Let's lead him 'round to the back of the building and the him there, so fame or wealth, or that the fame or wealth, or that the world should set to talking about you. I "He run away!" wish every boy could know, and believe that the way to success is by plodding efforts. One plodding, hard working, faithful boy is worth

to the world much more than the boy with flashes of genius. The boy who will plod, plod, plod, who will concentrate his efforts, is on the woods nutting." surest road to success.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

ROSARY TIME IN IRELAND At the fall of the night in Ireland

when spring in the land is fair,

At the fall of the night in Ireland when passionate June is there, When woods are ruddy in autumn or

hoary with winter's rime, At the fall of the night in Ireland 'tis Rosary Time.

With book and beads in her fingers the mother goes to her place, standing. The holy candle beside her, the peace

of God in her face, And out of their chosen corners the voices of children chime,

At the fall of the night in Ireland at Rosary Time.

Ontside the song of the robin is bushed in his sheltered neet, The wind with rainy sweetness is

sighing itself to rest,

At the fall of the night in Ireland at good meal of oats. Rosary Time.

Oh, many a dream of beauty shines

up from the lowest sod, And many a golden duty binds men

to the feet of God,

But the screet passion of living is stilled to a chord sublime At the fall of the night in Ireland at

Rosary Time. -TERESA BRAYTON

TWO HONEST BOYS

An example of honesty is always instructive, whether it be given by a child or by one of matures years. A skilful teacher, who takes great in. whisper. terest in the moral growth of her pupils, writes as follows: "In a country school a large class were standing to spell. In the lesson there was a very hard word. I put the word to the scholar at the head, and he missed it; I passed it to the next, and the next, till it came to the less scholar, the smallest in the class, and he spalled it right-at least I understood him so-and he went to the head, above seventeen boys and girls all older than himself. I then

furned 'round and wrote the word on the blackboard, so that they might all ses how it was spelled, and learn it bester. But no sconer had I written it than the little boy at the head cried out, "Ob, I didn't say it so; I said e instead of i;" and he went back to the foot, of his own accord, quicker than he had gone to the head. Here was an honest boy. I should always have shought that he spalled the word right if he had not told me; but he was too honest to take any credit that did not belong

to him In connection with this worthy conduct, there is herewith given another interesting lesson: "De you future, and let us put them into practice during this holy season a bey to a lady one alternoon. The little fellow was not well clothed, and his fest were bars and travel-In his hand he held up a stained. tric car while it is in motion, the ba-The future is divided into days, basket full of ripe and dewy rasp-Each day the sun sets. The lamps | barries, which were preping out from the signals of the traffic policeman are lighted as it grows dark ; and at | amid the bright green leaves that lay and steps in the way of a moving ten o'clock the day is finished. It is lightly over them. The lady told so absolutely finished that the uncoa- him she would purchase, and, taking sciousness of sleep comes to seal our the basket up, she stepped into the the year goes skating on thin ice, senses and suspend out thought and house. He did not tollow her, but alt are the subjects of the warning which might bear the offensive action for six or eight hours before remained behind, whistling to her the beginning of a new day. We virtually die with the last in the porch. He seemed felly occupostscript "This means you." Modern civilization is not yet fool pled with the pretty bird pets, and in slumber until Nature wakens and the berries appeared forgotten. etirs us in the early hours of Tuce. "Why do you not sooms in and ass day. No other periods of time, nos the years, nor the centuries ere said the lady. "How do you know the years, nor the conturies are said the lady. 'How do you know separated by such a wall of division but what might cheat you, and take

EVERYDAY SCHOOLBOYS

'Hallos! See that horse !"

'As thin as a rail." 'You can count all his ribs."

## THE-CATHOLIC RECORD

REASON FOR PRESENT

CRIME WAVE

but little success. Extreme meas-

ures represeive and punitive have

freed from such criminal operations

## Two or three boys squealed in the ears of the horse and gave him small Lends Fragrance Others jumped before him to

pokes.

"He run away !" "Say, boys," put in one boy who loved all animals, "there's no fun in tormenting such a poor fellow. He

does look half starved-yes, more than half, I should say. And we all know it isn't good to feel that way since the day we got lost in the

Have you ever noticed how easily boys-and men, too, for that matter -are led either into kindness or

cruelty? One word in either direc-tion, and all follow, like a flock of sheep. Wouldn't it be good for boys to remember this, and to reflect upon

how far they may be called on to answer for the influence they may exert over others? The boys stopped their teasing and

began to look as the horse with different eyes, while one of them brushed the flies off him. 'Let's tie him under that tree,"

proposed a second ; "the sun's too hot here "Look here, boys, I wish we could give him something to eat while he's

'Can't we?' A real bang up good dinner, such

as he hasn't had for a century, by the looks of him." 'Let's do it. I've got a nickel."

"I've got two cents." "I'll give another nickel if you'll come over to father's feed store."

More cents came in. The man at the feed store contributed a nearly The world with her oldtime longing worn-out bes, and in a few moments advance of crime throughout the swings low to a minor rhyme the poor old horse was enjoying a country seems to be meeting with

By the time he had finished it, the old woman came back, her backet been adopted, but they serve only to filled with groceries, for which she drive criminals from one locality had exchanged her eggs. The chord to another. One city is no sconer of sympathy and kindness once freed from such criminal operations touched in the carsless, yet well than they break out in another, meaning hearts continued to vibrate. showing that what appears on the

We all know how one taste of a surface is but a symptom of a deep kird act makes us long to taste more. seated disorder. 'I'll lift your basket in," said one,

raspectfully. "See, here's a lot of oats left. them up years sgo when he said, We'll put 'em in the wagon." "They who skrive by the enforce-ment of law to extinguish the ever as the horse," came in a suggestive growing flame of popular passions

A few small contributions from lunch baskets wers hastily wrapped in a piece of papar and laid on top of ately reject the power of the Gospel

the basket. 'Now I'll untie." The old woman was helped in as

if she has been a queen. And every a returning in public and private boy's heart glowed as the quavering conduct to Jesus Christ and to a veice and dim eyes bors a burden of Christian rule of lifs." warm thanks as she drove away. The essence of a Cl

Those were everyday school boys. There are millions and millions like what a spirit of loving kindness dwells in their hear's. Lat it out baye and girle; for it is you who and to lift this whole world into an atmosphere higher, sweeter, and Wastera Watchman.

SAFETY FIRST

women in the ages of faith. Safety first is the motto we see em-blazoned on every side. It is insafety. Dangerous accidents have been due in the majority of cases to carelessness. Hence public service ment of the comforts and pleasures corporations, railways, and electric of life, as the false maxim of this

automobile, and the thoughtlese

school boy who at this season of

proof. This is why citizens of both

sexes must be warned. Inventors of

safety appliances have always to

Batter be safe than sorry say these

modern advisers of thoughtless

reakon with the nersonal equation.



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wise enough also to beware of the our present conditions that it should that she gives her children safe rules of conduct. If they will court danger and imperil their soul's salvabe frequently on the lips of Catholics; "Thou seest, O Lord, how the winds have burst forth on every side ; how the see reges, and the waves are lashed to fury. Give back to man-kind that tranquility of order, that tion it is because they have become careless and thoughtless of her adtrue peace which the world cannot monitions.

The Church has succeeded in all give. By thy grace and impulse let ages in her Divine mission because men be restored to proper order, she has taught saving doctrine. Her with piety toward God, with justice and love towards themselves, and children should follow her guidance. Safety first in spiritual matters will with reason controlling all their good, praceable man turns all things save many souls from sternel ruin, passions. Let Thy Kingdom come; to good.—Thomas a Kempis. save many souls from sternal ruin, as the same maxim applied to bodily let the duty of submitting to Thee safety saves countless thousands from physical disaster.—The Pilot. and serving Thee be learnt

by those who far from Thee seek truth and salvation with a purpose that is all in vain. In Thy laws justice and a father's gentleness are Thy commands. The life of man on earth is a warfare, but Thou lookest The attempt on the part of our down upon the struggle, and helpest man to conquer; Thou raisest him that felts, and crownest him that con-quere."-The Pilot. public authorities to check the

> THE TEACHING CHURCH

In The Hibbert Journal of October, 1920, A. C. McGiffert, D. D., President of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, makes a plea for a teach-There are two ways of dealing with crime. Pops Lso XIII, summed ing church. His plea is based on the findings of two committees, one British and one American, concern ing "the extraordinary and lament-able ignorance of the soldiers ( of the late War) about Christianity." The American report says, for instance : strive indeed for what is right and just, but they will labor with little "The testimony that we have received gors to show that it a vote that we have or no result so long as they obstin were taken among chaplains and and refuse the assistance of the other religious workers as to the Church. These evils can be cured most serious failure of the Church only by a chauge of principles, and by as evidenced in the army, a large mejority would egree that it was the Church's failure as a teacher. We have not succeeded in teaching The essence of a Christian life, as Christianity to our own members, the holy Pontiff described is, is not to

let alone distributing a clear knowltake part in the corruption of the world, but to oppose constantly any edge of it through the community at large (p. 181)." The writer remarks significantly

"It should be said that the evidence adduced in the reports concerns only those of Protestant sfiliations and antecedents. Had the study included Roman Catholics as well, the Apostles, strength to the martyrs, and tranquillity to the men and we may guess that the results might have been very different."

Bring back into vogue this Chris-The Catholic Church, then, in the judgment of this Protestant writer, is evidently a teaching church. He tian rule of life, and the minds of men will regain their strength and blazoned on every side. It is in-tended to warn people of the danger of taking chances on their bodily early the transformed to the catholic soldiers would have in the catholic soldiers would have brought out that fact. At any rate, in pleading for a teaching church, he in acts of crime. But place the highest good of man in the enjoylooks back to the pattern of the old be says: Church, when immediate duty of the Church is to roads who have to pay large sums for world teaches, and the natural resume the teaching function which damages take this means of saving instinct and impulse of our nature to it fulfilled so magnificently in

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Let us be determined to be happy make the most of the blessings that come to us; look on the bright eide of everything. Cheerfulness is not found; and Thou grantest to us of always spontaneous; but bears cul-Thy own good will the power to keep tivation. One who can carry a smiling face through a world where there are so many troubled hearte,

may unconsciously ba a public banefactor ; for " the marry heart doeth good like a medicine," and not alone to its possessor.-M. P. Wells.

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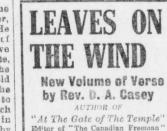
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"More convincing than Synge and Lady Gregory, perhaps because the poet knows better and sympathizes more deeply with the people of whom he writes," was the

SEVEN

ONE DAY AT A TIME

hours of Monday and remain buried as that which separates day from more than the quantity I have agreed day.

Sofficient unto the day ! We are to live our lives as life is given us,-by days. Yesterday is done with and tomorrow is not yet here. We are | What do you mean ?" presently responsible only for today. I should only loss my berries, but Let not remorse for the past burden you would be stealing. Don't you you - forget the things that are think you would get the worst of Nor let the weary prospect | it ?" hehind.

of the years to come discourage you "No man is bound to be rich or -yeu have troubles enough at hand great, but every man is bound to be without berrowing these put on honest. "Honest minds are pleased with

next week's calendar. The present is bearable; you can always manage | honest things."-Salacted. today; and that is all that is expected of you.

1.

One day a poor old woman drove into town in a rickety spring wagon. A good, useful, satisfactory life is a matter of one day at a time. If the task before you is big, do one day's work on it today. It there are school house. It was about as badlooking an old horse as you ever saw. besetting temptations, resolve to avoid them for the day. You ought to live a better life; bat just live a steps to sell a faw eggs which she had first." he better day today. -The Echo.

CARDINAL GIBBONS TO BOYS

rushed out of the school house. An editor recently met Cardinal Gibbons, reports Our Young Folks, shouts and laughter : and wishing his boys to profit by his interview, he asked him :

"What qualities, your Eminance, do you consider most desirable in a a looking old thing ?" boy? What qualifies show him to have a real promise for the future ?

"Faithfulness, plodding, perceverhold his head up ance, pareistence in doing whatever is set for him to do. These things will is there enough of you left to gain him success where genius would scare ?

hamans. And their advice is emiupon?" The boy looked up and smiled. "I am not afraid," said he, nenily cane. But why not go a step further and apply the maxim to the spiritual life. There are still "for you would get the worst of it, madam." "Gat the worst of it? What do you mean?" "Why, madam many existing dangers that threaten not bodily harm but spiritual harm. Morelists and theologians know

these as occasions of sin. Into them the careless Christian wanders with the insouciance of the philosopher on the car track. They need not be surprised at the inevitable fatality. They have taken a chance and have lost. The olds were against them

from the beginning. The young person of these days at dauces, the movies, and in reading is continually meeting questions that ferres the question, "Is this right?" amended and right judgments even to She tied her horse to a post near the Here is the place for the practical application of the maxim "safaty The woman hobbled away with feeble

No one is allowed to act on a doubt. in a basets. Just as allo was but of , sight the bell rang for the neon hour, and a crowd of jolly, moley boys responsible for the evil that may result. As a guide for conduct the only cafe rule for Christians before the fact is ast conscientiously. air in a moment was fall of their

the fact is ast consciontiously. Today loces thinking abounds, and loces thinking brings loces systems of merality. The old fashioned say ing that it must be all right because Ho! ho! ho! Who ever saw such of merality. The old fashioned say-ing that it must be all right because I saw it in the papers have been a return to Christian living as a daplicated in our day by another, it remedy for the evils of his age, must be all right because it is in which are the evils of our own age 'He looks as if he hadn't pep to vogue.

We have learned by sad experience cyclicals with the following beautito distruct the former, we should be ful prayer, which is so applicable to time .-- S. in The Guardian.

careless people from themselves. The woman who steps off an elec-Iny hands on all he can in the the way, which the old Church has hope of living happily on the spoils of never neglected, as is evidenced by wildered pedestrian who disregards others. her carefal training of the young in schools where the teaching

When the eternal law which comreligion has the place of honor. This is the example which Dr. McGiffert mands what is right and forbids what is wrong is rejected, the power of holds out to his teaching church when ha says: "It is all important unbridled passions is loosed, law is scorned, and authority is shattered that the young receive adequate The result will be just what it is to. religious instruction."

day in many places, a perpetuel struggle born of insatiable greed for Shill our writer would not have his teaching chusch to be infallible some to keep what they possess and for others to obtain what they want. He wishes the Protestant principle of private judgment to be safe-guarded. With a touch of sarcasm he says: "The Roman Catholic This is the false principle of life that underlies the crime wave.

tot so much disregarded.

We hear too much sickly santimen. Church, with its infallible trath and its infallible interpreter, may not talism about the crimical. He is regarded either as mentally diseased or as morally weak. But we are taught by the Christian rele of life, that as a result of original sin we are need to learn; but Protestant Churches are in no such easy case. And why, pray, should it not be an easy task to get hold of the Gespel ? all weak. That man's power of itself is not equal to its various Is it not a g fi of God to mankind ? Should we not expect that God has duties and responsibilities is true. But it is also true that man can made His gift of easy access? Surely the Catholic Church, with ite compensate for this weakness by asking God for strength of soul case and its commandation of God's munificence, has antecedent proba to be sustained in virtue. b lity in its favor. The frailty of nature would be

As a matter of fact, Christ sent His ambassadors to all the world much less perilous, and the morel character less weak and languid with the commission to teach every if the Divine precept of prayer were This precreature all things whatsoever He had commanded them, and that they might be able to do so, He cept of prayer is nourished by divine amended and right judgments oven to the consummation of formed in matters which promote the world. He sant them, more the peace and security of govern-ments. "If the multitude thirsts ments. "If the multitude thirsts lead them into all truth and to and raves for excessive liberty," said remain with them forever. As a consequence He could tell tham Pope Leo. "if the indignation of the He who heareth you, beareth Me. lower orders is with difficulty con There we have the infallible truth and the infallible interpreter. A strained; if the greed of the wealthier classes is insatiable, and if to these be added their evils, it church that does not dare claim infallibility ipso facto farfaits the claim of being Christ's Church. His Church, speeking with authority, not like the scribes and pharisees, has been The Teaching Church, sole and exclusive, from the dawn of Christianity to the present day, and

will carry on its mission, without fear of a rival, antil the end of also, Pope Leo ands one of his en

