

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

MISUNDERSTANDING
They seem as very trifles, yet they have a pow'r malign;
They enter, oft unnoticed—as it were—without design;

mission to withdraw from a public career, the monarch inquired if his desire sprang from disgust of the world. Whereupon Valdeso replied that it was his sober conviction that there should be time for reflection between the life of a soldier and his death.

It is far wiser to take the more charitable view of our fellow beings and not suppose that a slight is intended unless the neglect is open and direct.
After all, too, life takes its hues in a great degree from the color of our own mind.

LOOKING BACKWARD

At the midnight hour the solemn voices of churchbells all over the land tell of the closing of the Old Year and the opening of the New. Lights gleam in friendly fashion from many windows usually somber in darkness.

It is undeniably true that all men lose some time, and most men a great deal of time. Forgetfulness of the Divine, says a sacred writer, is a much more common sin than open revolt against it.

A FRIEND
" What is the secret of your life?" asked Mrs. Browning of Charles Kingsley; "tell me, that I may make mine beautiful, too." He replied: "I had a friend."

Events of the past twelve months pass in slow procession through the brain which has been active, through which millions of thoughts have coursed with rapid pulse during the past year.

The bells have ceased. The Old Year has passed by, and the New Year has begun.—The Pilot.

JES' BE WHAT YOU IS
One of the peculiar kinks in human nature is that which leads a person to pretend a superiority which he does not possess.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

IRISH HEART OF MINE
I have strayed through every nation
Far away from friends and home,
And have paused in admiration
By St. Peter's wondrous dome;

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS
The message of the New Year bells is one of hope, hope for brighter things, that, at its close, men may be able to re-echo the sentiments of the hero of "A Tale of Two Cities."

REVERENCE
There is no virtue more important for religious life than the virtue of reverence; and yet it is idle to suppose habitual reverence is attained without some effort.

GET THAT HABIT

Get the habit of early rising.
Get the habit of retiring early.
Get the habit of going to Mass daily.
Get the habit of eating slowly.

FOLLOWING THE STAR

The Wise Men found the Saviour because they sought Him. They did not consume the time in ineffectual desires. They studied the signs of the times, and God spoke to them.

THE TOUCHY PERSON

There are people—yes, many people, always looking out for slights. They cannot carry on the daily intercourse of the family without finding that some offense is designed.

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been given us, and the star is shining. We know the way, the truth, and the life. The riches of the East are not ours to garner and give. But we have, the humblest of us, and can give, that which the Child came to seek; our hearts and their unswerving loyalty.

The Kidneys

The office man and the outdoor worker suffer alike from derangements of the kidneys. Backaches and headaches are among the symptoms. In some cases Bright's disease soon develops, others suffer from high blood pressure until hardening of the arteries sets in.

CRUX OF ANGLICAN CONTROVERSY

Having long observed the fatal readiness with which our friends the Anglo-Catholics succeed in missing the essential point in the old controversy between the Church of England and the Catholic Church, Father Vincent McNabb, O. P., in a short paper contributed to the December Blackfriars, puts the real crux of the question with such unescapable logic that it is very difficult to understand how any sincere Ritualist with a head on his shoulders can fail to see the force of the argument.

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Many persuade themselves that they have no true sorrow for their sins if they do not practice many and great corporal austerities. Let us learn, nevertheless, that he does a good penance who studies to please God alone at all times and in all things. This is a very perfect thing and of great merit.—St. Francis de Sales.

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