

CHATS with the EDITOR

EVERYBODY likes to receive complimentary letters. The Editor likes to get them, too—when they are letters from our readers telling how they like *The Young Citizen*. If you find something in *The Young Citizen* which you like especially well, or if you like the magazine as a whole, or if you have a suggestion for improvement, why not write the Editor about it?

Of course, suggestions cannot always be put into effect, because there may be reasons which only the Editor knows as to why they cannot be used. But anyway, we appreciate suggestions, or letters telling how you like *The Young Citizen*.

And we *do* get commendatory—yes, very commendatory—letters from time to time. Here is one which came to me just a few days ago; I shall quote it in part. The correspondent wrote as follows:

"Congratulations for the splendid growth and progress that *The Young Citizen* has made . . . It is the most interesting magazine published for the young citizens of the Philippines, and is just as good as *Child*

Life, one of America's foremost magazines for children. I hope that I shall be able to contribute more articles that will be worthy of the high standard of your interesting magazine."

The Editor thanks you, Mr. Campoy, for your letter of appreciation.

Here's another letter—it's a long one. This correspondent wrote: "The Christmas number of *The Young Citizen* is just splendid. I like the picture on the cover. It is typical of the Philippines and of a 'young citizen' of the Philippines.

"And such interesting, and up-lifting, and Christmas-like poems, stories, and articles. Your two pages of material for third grade pupils are especially good. The Christmas poems on page 434 are exceedingly *apropos*, for boys and girls. We received our copies of *The Young Citizen* too late to use them this year, but we are saving our copies on purpose to memorize those poems in December, 1940.

"The story by Mrs. Cruz—'It Is More Blessed to Give than to Receive'—is exactly the right kind of a Christmas story for our

young citizens to read. So are all the other Christmas stories. I like very much the beautiful Christmas song on page 444. We will use that next Christmas also.

"I found *The History of Christmas Day* quite interesting . . . Just one thing more:—your magazine, *The Young Citizen*, has become very outstanding, especially during the year 1939, and I cannot begin to pupils—and our teachers, as well—enjoy this delightful children's magazine."

Well, Mr. Reyes, that is indeed, a complimentary letter, and the Editor appreciates your words of praise. Thank you very much.

We would like to quote from other letters, but space does not permit. We thank the writers for their kind letters, and will be glad to hear from others.

But to change the subject: Just a few more days and the school vacation will be here. Needless to say, the Editor and the Publishers of *The Young Citizen* wish each and all of you a very pleasant and profitable vacation.

—*The Editor*.