

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

ERIN, OH ERIN

Like the bright lamp that shone in Kildare's holy fane, And burned thro' long ages of darkness and storm...

LENTEEN SUGGESTIONS

Go to Mass every morning. Go to Holy Communion every morning. At least go to Holy Communion every week.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

On the 17th of this month the whole land will be green, not with the coming of spring, but with the coming of a feast dear to the heart of every Irishman.

their faith cannot fail to move it. This, their faith, was the great benefit St. Patrick conferred on the Irish.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

WHEN MARCH IS SEVENTEEN Now, Miss March is an Irish maid, And faith! but she's contrary!

From Winter she is born to us, And brings a sunny morn to us, And then again laugh scorn to us,

But when Miss March is seventeen, She's sweet as all creation, So we put on the Irish green,

For when she's seventeen to us, She's such a bright colleen to us, She brings the world green to us,

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The figure of St. Patrick looms up from the past on his glorious feast day with a greatness that distinguishes him above most human heroes.

St. Patrick was an Apostle to a nation. Freed from his bonds, he conquered his master's people by winning them to the Faith.

From Erin converted by St. Patrick, saintly messengers bore the torch kindled on Easter morning at Tara to Iona to Lindisfarne, to St. Gaul and Fulda, to Fiesole and to Southern Italy and the forests of France and Germany.

Twice, at least, when Western civilization was falling asunder, that is to say, in the sixth and in the sixteenth century the sons of Ireland came to its rescue with the teachings they had received from God through St. Patrick.

In an allocution given on the occasion of the thirteenth centenary of St. Columbanus, our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI., referred to this first saving of civilization by Irish Saints and scholars in these remarkable words, "Christian civilization had almost collapsed, and the glory of the arts which are the glory of civil life seemed to be gone forever.

Another reason is the constant cheerfulness of the Irish, a cheerfulness so genuine and spontaneous as to have become proverbial.

On his feast day let us not forget St. Patrick's own prayer, called his "breastplate," which St. Paul before him described as the shield of faith.

No better or more fitting prayer can ascend from Irish lips on St. Patrick's Day than the age-old cry of her sons and daughters for centuries, "St. Patrick pray for us, and God save Ireland."

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY DREAMS

I wonder today in old Ireland If someone is thinking of me. I wonder if thoughts are a-turning To a wanderer over the sea?

I wonder if someone is praying For a ship to come sailing the seas, Or if someone is trying a message to catch

In the whispering sound of the trees. Oh! I wonder if someone is thinking Of other glad days long ago; Oh! I wonder if someone is thinking of me,

Sure my heart is just aching to know. -KATHERINE EDELMAN

WHAT AN IRISHMAN MEANS BY "MACHREE"

Pray come and interpret this Gaelic for me, And tell what an Irishman means by "Machree,"

'Tis the white of the day and the warmth of the sun, The ripple of waters that laughingly run;

The sweet bloom of youth and the harvest of years, The gold of all smiles and the salt of all tears;

'Tis the thrill of the hand and the light of the eye, The glow of the cheek and the lips' parting cry;

'Tis father, 'tis mother, 'tis brother or wife, The music of woman's, the wine of man's life.

'Tis all that he lives for and hopes for above, 'Tis an Irishman's heart making vocal his love,

'Tis the whole of creation, one isle in the sea; And that's what an Irishman means by "Machree." -REV. F. P. DONNELLY, S. J.

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STUDYING IRISH METHODS

Dublin, Ireland.—American officials have recently been devoting considerable attention to the investigation of Irish economic affairs.

A little while ago a United States Government Commissioner visited Ireland and made exhaustive inquiry into the Irish pig and bacon trade. Some disappointment was natural perhaps, on this side when it transpired that the object was not so much to establish further commercial links between Ireland and the States as to how the American pig trade could be more closely adapted to supply European markets.

Ireland, it is interesting to note, is regarded as the country of greatest experience in reference to land problems and land law. The famous International Institute of Agriculture at Rome is constantly

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turning to Irish precedents for the solution of difficulties. The Reclamation Bureau of the United States Department of the Interior, in connection with the settlement of idle lands in the desert regions of Western America, is at present inquiring into Irish land methods, as well as those of other European countries.

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