## CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

ERIN, OH ERIN

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

Is the heart that sorrows have frowned on in vain, Whose spirit outlives them, unfading

and warm. Erin, Oh Erin, thus bright thro' the of a long night of bondage thy

spirit appears. The nations have fallen and thou still art young, Thy sun is but rising, when others

have set; And tho' Slavery's cloud o'er thy

morning hath hung, The full noon of freedom shall beam round thee yet. Erin, Oh Erin, the' long in the

Thy star shall shine out when the For oh! her manners vary. proudest shall fade.

Unchill'd by the rain and unwaked by the wind. The lily lies sleeping thro' Winter's cold hour.

Till Spring's light touch her fetters And daylight and Liberty bless the

young flower. Thus Erin, Oh Erin, thy Winter is And the hope that lived thro' it

shall blossom at last.

-Thomas Moore LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

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

every week. Make a visit to the Blessed Sacra-

ment every day.

Make a sincere effort to keep the letter and the spirit of Lent.

More people are killed by eating than by fasting.
We all eat too much meat. The

doctors say it is a prolific source of disease. The whole world asks restraint in eating.

Buy a book of Catholic devotion. Read it for at least 15 minutes a

day.

Get acquainted with yourself. A meditation of 10 minutes a day will go far to make you a thoughtful Catholic. Attend the special devotions for

Make the Stations of the Cross at least once a week. This practice will keep you in the spirit of Lent. Set aside some of the money you save from little luxuries for charity or the Sunday collection.-The

## 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. And not to these alone. The whole world will rejoice. The feast of St. George is observed with great pomp in England; that of St. Boniface in Germany; but on St. Berlink's Destriction many; but on St. Patrick's Day the world celebrates. High and low, rich and poor, make this a gala day. Thousands who would not recognize a shamrock if they met one, wear green and are proud of it. And this not in our country alone, but in this not in our country alone, but in this not in our country alone, but in the state of St. Columbanus, our Holy Father, and the state of St. C

is no exception to the rule.

I think the main reason can be found in the fact that the Irish are a distinct asset to every country they inhabit. Now don't shout the old objection: "The Irish are good only at digging ditches." I object to the word "only" in that sentence—otherwise it's correct. Men of other nations dig ditches, too, but they don't do it well enough to attract attention. That citizens the Island of Saints, and no less justly the home of the arts and the sciences, shone forth amid the dark-nees and the clouds of those days in her love for religion and civilization. History tells us that the deep recesses of her valleys and forests echoed with the prayers and the schoel with the dark. The ingredients of Dr. Norvall's Stomach and Tonic Tablets are printed on the label and Doctors and Druggiets will tell you that if you require a tonic and laxative the schoel with the prayers and the schoel with the dark. The ingredients of Dr. Norvall's schoel with the prayers and the schoel with the dark. sentence—otherwise it s correct.

Men of other nations dig ditches,
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to attract attention. That citizens
of Irish blood are an asset to a country is shown in every line of endeavor. We need not mention the army and navy-for a bit of fighting comes natural to men of "the fighting race"—but in the Church and State, too, they hold positions of trust and honor. Glanceover a list of the Bishops in this country, and you will see why we often hear them is associates began those successive migrations from Ireland that the country the sterling wath too, recognizes the sterling worth of the Irish, and fills her diplomatic

service with them.

Another reason is the constant cheerfulness of the Irish, a cheerfulness so genuine and spontaneous as to have become proverbial. And fulness so genuine and spontaneous as to have become proverbial. And the world loves cheerfulness. A grumbling, disgruntled person is tolerated in a gathering, but his absence is preferred. Cheerfulness does not necessarily mean wit, though the Irish have the latter in abundance, not even the caliber of many Pat and Mike jokes being able to disguise this fact. But cheerfulness means the art of socions the heritage of the height side of everything. St. Patrick's own prevent called him. seeing the bright side of everything and of taking trials and tribula-

needed—is the manner in which the Irish have clung to their religion. The world admires loyalty, even though it may not always put a premium on it, and the spectacle of a nation steadfastly enduring one of the most cruel persecutions recorded in history for the sake of corded in history for the sake of corded in history for the sake of corded in history for the sake of clumber of the most cruel persecutions recorded in history for the sake of clumber of the sake of clumber of the by St. Patrick.

No better or more fitting prayer facility and assist ance.

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

their faith cannot fail to move it. This, their faith, was the great benefit St. Patrick conferred on the Irish. It is this that has kept alive their spirit and their cheerful-ness, and the world, in paying a tribute to the Irish on St. Patrick's Day, unwittingly pays a tribute to their faith, and to the gentle Saint who, under God, was the cause of it. So it is that we will wear the shamrock on the 17th of March and will meet others of every nation, creed and color doing the same. And so it is that we will not be overmuch surprised to see, swinging down the streets, a stalwart negro, by name Haufmann, wearing the "little bit of green,"—Father Michael Dunn, O. F. M.

## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

WHEN MARCH IS SEVENTEEN Now, Miss March is an Irish maid, And faith! but she's contrary! A bit flirtatious, I'm afraid,

From Winter she is born to us, And brings a sunny morn to us, And then again laugh scorn to us, For oh! but she is airy! Almost she brings a thorn to us, For faith! she is contrary.

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

For when she's seventeen to us, She's such a bright colleen to us, She brings the world green to us, As Ireland is her nation. So oh! we call her queen to us, And make a celebration.

—EDMUND VANCE COOK

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. For his faithful children in neroes. For his faithful children in Ireland and in the greater Ireland they have made for themselves by their constructive work and beneficent influence in lands beyond the sea, St. Patrick's Day always dawns fragrant with blessed memories of the past, and refulgent with bright promises for the future.

promises for the future. St. Patrick was an Apostle to a nation. Freed from his bonds, he conquered his master's people by winning them to the Faith. He not only converted the ancient Celt. but he fired him with his own apostolic spirit and sent him forth as a missionary to the western world.

St. Patrick is more than the apostle of a nation. He is almost its soul, for he epitomizes in his name. in his deeds, and in his example, the aims and aspirations, the struggles and martyrdoms, the hopes and fears of Erin's sons.

From Erin converted by St. Patrick, saintly messengers bore the torch kindled on Easter morning at Tara to Iona to Lindisfarns, to St. Gaul and Fulda, to Fiesole and to Southern Italy and the forests of France and Germany. Twice, at least, when Western civ-

ilization was falling asunder, that is to say, in the sixth and in the six-teenth century the sons of Ireland came to its rescue with the teachings they had received from God through St. Patrick.

every English-speaking nation in Pope Pius XI., referred to this first saving of civilization by Irish Saints Now why is this? Why is it that "the whole world's Irish on the seventeenth of March? Every almost collapsed, and the glory of effect must have a cause, and this is no exception to the rule. the arts which are the glory of civil life seemed to be gone forever. It is mits, and that there arose numerous monasteries, which stood as so many Thither eager young men hurried to learn literature and science. Excellently prepared in learning and retained in the virtues under holy discipline and burning with the dediscipline and burning with the dedisci those were times that demanded great deeds-St. Columbanus and down through the centuries have brought benefits innumerable to so many peoples."

Ireland with a soil as rich as

Through days of gladness and long nights of sadness, Erin "with a tear and a smile in her eye" has smiled through her tears, and wept through her smiles, clinging stead-

and of taking triais and tribulations with a good grace. The Irish have along to their religion.

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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DREAMS

I wonder today in old Ireland If someone is thinking of me. wonder if thoughts are a-turning To a wanderer over the sea? I wonder, as shamrocks they gather, If they're picking a one for me.

And when the peat fires burn in the hush of the night

If my face in the glow light they

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

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

my heart is just aching to know. - KATHERINE EDELMAN

WHAT AN IRISHMAN MEANS BY "MACHREE'

Pray come and interpret this Gælic for me, And tell what an Irishman means

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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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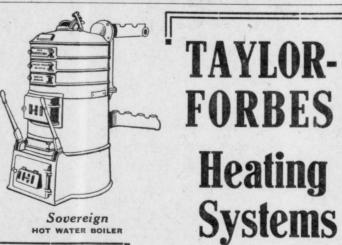
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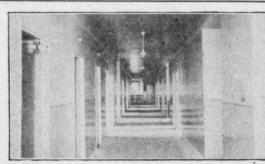
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