

SONG— FOR THE FATHER MATHEW CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

Air—"Wreath the Bowl." One hundred years Of smiles and tears, Of joys and sorrows blended, Since Earth first smiled Upon a child...

O'Connell was astonished, and asked the reason. "Well, by the powers above," said the driver, "if the poor baste saw the great Dan O'Connell paying me with a half crown, he'd smash the car into smithereens."

Among a hostile band in the House was a very bitter opponent of Ireland, fierce in attack, but defective in speech. During a passionate assault he stumbled over the word "conceive," and repeated it over and over.

Two combatants met on the field of honor. One was very bulky, the other was extremely thin, something like an "attenuated herring."

nounced the word "patriarch," as "partridge," the keen wit suggested that "the boy was making 'game' of the prophets."

One more example of the playful humor of the gifted son of Erin, even on commonplace subjects. He was pressed for settlement of a long overdue bill. The creditor was yet generous in his terms, for he gave his debtor the privilege to "name a day" suitable to his own convenience to pay up.

The following list of noted names among recent conversions to the Faith in the old world shows that there are here it is the brightest, most thoughtful and earnest minds that are being won back into the bosom of the ancient Church.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

"When difficulties are to be overcome, the longer you look at them the larger they grow. When objects are feared, the more you ponder the more your fear will increase."

Strength Through Resistance. The young man cannot be strong unless he has been tempted and has learned to resist, but he will gain the strength of every temptation that he does resist.

The Corner-stone of Character. Over half a century has passed since a young man left his country home to make his own way in the world, with no capital but his mother's training, and her parting words were, as she pressed a Bible to his heart, "My son, you will be known by the company you keep, and this book—well read—will lead you into such companionships as will make life a blessing to yourself and others."

Nothing can take its place. It can safely be assumed that nearly all the men whose names will live forever—here as well as yonder—were the sons of Christian mothers who gave the keynote to the music of their lives, long before the stern duties were performed that made them famous.

My Influence. "Gather up my influence and bury it with me," were the dying words of a young man to the weeping friends at his bedside, as stated to whom he was dear.

Discipline. What logic is to intelligence and reason, what economy is to finance, discipline is to conduct and character. By discipline I mean the series of means by which we make life strong, mistress of itself, and by which we establish an equilibrium which, instead of bringing them into conflict, harmonizes them.

Discipline is necessary and salutary. You need hope to gain nothing without it. It is necessary to have undergone it, and to be undergoing it necessarily, if we would not fall into confusion, incoherence and sterility.

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nor resist anything, and who yield to the first wish, desire or whim, or to the impulses and caprices of events and wills other than their own. I wish to make them perceive it in order to awake the desire for a different life in the hearts of those who catch a glimpse of the abyss into which it is possible to fall.

Sisters. It is natural enough that a young man should pay attention to some other fellow's sister. There are even Biblical and profane historical precedents for this custom.

We are aware that all traditions, all precedents are in favor of this habit of regarding a man's own sisters as out of the question when concern and theatre tickets, boxes of candy and bouquets are in order.

One hears a great deal of sisterly devotion, but seldom of brotherly jealousy and misunderstanding between young wives and sisters-in-law, if the brother—the average brother—were more careful before marriage to show his sisters that he holds them worthy at least of some of the attention he lavishes on the sweetest of her sex.

Mary, who has shielded Dick many times from the paternal wrath, given him pocket-money from her scanty store, walked downstairs on cold nights, to open the door for him, after the sacred hour of tea, never receives books or boxes of candy or invitations to partake of the crisp ice cream or the succulent oyster.

Life would be made happier and there would be a glow and a sympathy in Catholic families, if the natural virtues were cultivated—and one virtue which is not cultivated as carefully as it ought to be is that which leads some brothers to treat their sisters with courtesy, reverence and tenderness—for love ought to have an outward form.—Catholic Citizen.

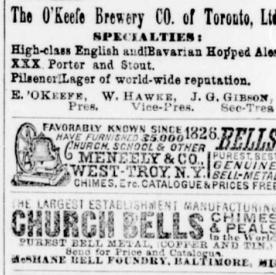
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FIVE-MINUTE NEWS

Why do you tempt me ye Math. 23:16? What was it in the Pharisees that made them away unanswered? If we listen to the Pharisees that made them away unanswered, it is nothing in what they were most true and approved of God in truth, that no man added not to of men. Could any said that that? And to be the light of men, fine talkers still wrapped in ignorance. What for this treatment—a trifler to that which our gave to those who came.

But the important professions should be a fine. How, then, are they sincere and kind of course, if we know mean what we say, and tend to make any conduct, though plainly hypocritical, down upon us a cursiveness. This is so needs to be mentioned.

But there are many tend to do right and take about the act of think that its sincerity depend on their feelings; they ought to be truly sorry, to shed tears or at least to have pained.

Now, no one will do a good thing to do mere tears of sorrow for saints have done so constructed us that we should grace to be able to do of contrition may be sincere and true if—dition — we have not to sin again, and dangerous occasions.

This is the test of contrition, and it is every one must know the point. If we have sincere determination of contrition is good, however may be our feelings not got that determination resolved to avoid on the contrary, we much as before, the might deluge the floods of tears, our Pharisees would be. "Why tempt you me?" This, then, dear important application pel to ourselves: the great care not to ap God with words and especially, in sion, that we must true determination of our sin in the future.

IRISH WIT AND HUMOR.

"Variety is the spice of life," or again, "A little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest man." Some of the anecdotes related below may be considered stale, even so they may be worth repeating. At any rate the relator is willing to take the risk.

MORE CONVERTS TO THE FAITH.

In Holland, among the most prominent of the recent converts are Mr. Vittinga, well known as an author under the pen-name "Jan Holland"; Miss Stratus; Mr. Vander Hoven (a member of the council of state); Mr. Van Hoemstede (a member of the second chamber); the Countess Van Bylandt and her son; Miss Van Zwijsbergen; and Mr. Lindaal Jacobs, a Judge in Rotterdam.

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