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### Child-Nature.

A man may be noble and great, And a woman tender and pure, But their knowledge, if deeper, is less divine Than childhood's innocent lore. Ah! why should we wonder at this? For God on the little ones smiled, And we often lose with the lapse of years The flawless faith of a child.

A man may be gallant and gay, And a woman joyous and bright, But they seldom keep through the waning years The passion of pure delight. Ah! why should we wonder at this? For God on the little one smilled, And a harmless lightning of laughter plays Round the guileless lips of a child.

Then happy are those who cherish Youth's hopes and its fleeting tears, And some clear signs of their childhood keep Through a circle of changeful years. Ah ! why should we wonder at this? For God on the little ones smiled, And the heads of the Wise Men bent above The cradle that held a Child !

WILLIAM H. HAYNE in Good Cheer.

AN EXAMPLE WORTHY OF IMITA-TION BY YOUNG CATHOLICS,

EDIFYING REMINISCENCES, OF THE LATE FR. WILSON'S CONVERSION TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

At the request of Father Byrne, O.S.D., Mr. Jacob Costigan, of Somerset, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Perry county, has written his recollections of Father Wilson's early life in the follow-

of Father Wilson's early life in the follow-ing truthful and simple manner: "My acquaintanceship with the good Father Wilson, lately deceased, was formed in June, 1825. In Zanesville, Ohio, we were apprentices in the same shop. He was my senior by two years; he being in his 19th year and I in my 17th. He was born on the 1st of January, 1807, in Mor-gantown, Va., now West Virginia. Pre-vious to the time I first met him he had been a member of the Methodist Church, but not at the time I first knew him. It was the doctrine he believed in, and he but not at the time I first knew him. It was the doctrine he believed in, and he was very much opposed to Catholic doc-trine, as he understood it. He was fond of controversy; and as I was the only Cath-olic in the shop, and but a boy, it fell to my lot to receive his charges and answer it to the the could lit was not a very my lot to receive his charges and answer them as best I could. It was not a very hard task for me, as I had just come from St. Joseph's, where I had been for two or three years with the early Fathers of your Order in Ohio—that is to say—Fathers Dominic, Young, Martin, O'Leary, De Rymacher and Hill, the distinguished convert. All these are now gone to their inal reward. When he (Mr. Wilson) found that what he supposed to be (atho-lic doctrine was not so in fact, his views changed, and he was honest and candid enough to admit that he had been wrongly enough to admit that ite had been wrongly informed as to the teachings of the Church. Then he began to read and in-vestigate for himself and it was not long before he was so convinced of the truth of our holy religion that he resolved to become a Catholic. He was instructed by Father Stephen H. Montgomery, then pastor of Zanesville, and was baptized in the fall or winter of 1826. I was present at the baptism, and it may have been conditional.

"He had very respectable family connections. His mother was a venerable old lady, and his brothers and sisters were of our best society in those days. Of course they thought he had made a false step, and were much opposed to his joining the Church. It was indeed a trying thing for him to oppose their wishes, especially those of his mother. But God gave him grace to persevere; and by degrees their opposition ceased, and he was kindly treated by his relations.

"In 1827 we parted, to meet in Cincin-nati, where we worked at our trade as car-penters. I fell sick at that time and he nursed me as tenderly as if we had been born brothers. "In the fall of 1828 he made up his mind

to study for the priesthood, and with the consent and approbation of the good

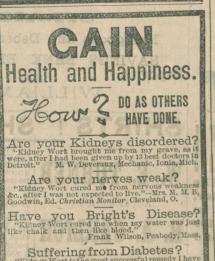
for his vigilance, and the secretary was instructed to advertise for information concerning the victim. If he will come for-ward and state how it feels to stepsuddenly into a bear-trap, the club will present him with a recipe for removing the marks left by the teeth.—Detroit Free Press.

# Living Too Fast.

Men are living too fast. Idleness and indulgence have begotten pride and dis-content. The age is thirsty for luxury. The very paupers of our cities scorn the patched garments and simple fare which once satisfied the well to do; the young clerk must live in a house about as lux-uriously furnished as his employer's, though he steal to support his establish-ment; the servants rival their mistresses in the costliness and elaborateness of their atture. By thus doing, they waste their attire. By thus doing, they waste the savings they need to keep them from want and ruin. The young couple who begin a home must have it as richly decorated as that of those who have labored for years; and there is an utter unwillingness on the part of too many to be content with simple surroundings.

We must change our standards of liv-ing and learn to rate people at what they are and what they have. This is a money-worshiping age; men of vicious princi-ples, through the clink of gold, summon hosts of admirers; others are tolerated for the handles, the moh scremble for hosts of admirers; others are toierated for the baubles the mob scramble for; and still others are permitted to occupy posts of honor in the church and state, which they only obtain by their wealth. Men live in the fear of gold and not of God, and ask the honor of man and not the honor that cometh from above. There the honor that cometa from above. There should be a return to more simple, more honest ways of living. It should be deemed dishonorable to live beyond one's means; no man should be encour-aged to spend a feverish year in luxury at the risk of breaking down and making a disherement a conding a dishonorable ending.

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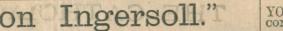
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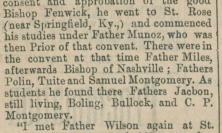
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Joseph's, Perry county, in 1837, soon after his return from St. Rose's, where he had just been ordained a priest. It was a pleasant meeting for both of us; and strange to say, his first mission was to Zanesville, to officiate in the church which his hands had helped erect.

"In conclusion I must say that from the time he became a Catholic he was the most scrupulous and conscientious person I ever knew. You know what a zealous priest he was; and, as you say, he was a true friend. I will indeed miss him very much. May his soul rest in peace.

"JACOB COSTIGAN. "Somerset, March 3, 1884"

The above letter speaks for itself; and it shows plainly what a power young peo-ple, who are well instructed in their religion and who practice it, may exercise beneficially over their companions.

The Lime Kiln Club.

As the meeting opened the president announced that the following spring mottoes would be hung on the walls during the coming week.

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"Time wasted am shillins lost out of a hole in de pocket."

"If it am pollyticks against 'tatters, take de tatters."

"An hour wid de saw-buck am "more valuable dan an hour wid de statesman." "De man in debt am a swimmer wid

his butes on.' The janitor announced that some evilminded person who had sought to enter Paradise Hall the evening before by way of the side door had put his foot in a bear trap waiting for such an emergency. The jaws and teeth of the trap were

stained, proving that the fellow had been considerably astonished in his mad career. He had managed to pry open the jaws and drag himself away, leaving nothing be-hind by which his identity could be suspected.

