

The Song I Never Sing.

BY JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.
A melody so faint and fine.
When I dream we sometimes hear.

CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN ONTARIO.

For the CATHOLIC RECORD.
I purpose to speak in this paper of Catholic Higher Education in Ontario.

Aside from the fact that Christ is truth and none other, this contention may be disposed of by the question: Do Confucianism, Buddhism and Mahometanism yield as high a conception of moral life as the teachings of Christianity?

The history of Catholic higher education in Ontario is a history of sacrifice and struggle—a history of humble beginnings, gathering new strength in the decades, expanding in the amplitude of added resources, developing with the generous bestowal of years.

Now as to the means of sustaining Catholic colleges. Would you believe it that not a single bequest worth speaking of, not a single endowment worth recording, has ever been made to a Catholic college in Ontario?

There are now in this Province four Catholic colleges—Ottawa, St. Michael's, Assumption and Berlin. Two of these, practically, possess universality powers; and the four have an attendance of eight hundred students.

Let them come forward and generously endow chairs, and establish scholarships in our Catholic colleges; then it may be competent for them to criticize, but not till then.

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AN IRONWORKER'S PEN.

It indites a Strong Denunciation of Ingersoll and His Methods.
One of the toilers in a great Pittsburgh iron works has taken the fragile pen in his horny hand to further squash the Ingersoll bubble.

"Born in obscurity in a small coal mining village in England and raised from fourteen years of age in the plutonic atmosphere of a coal mine, and all my life amid the ring of anvil and sledge and with the sweat of toil and labor for support of my family of twelve boys and nine girls, I confess with humble consciousness my own weakness in urging an intellectual combat with Robert Ingersoll; yet I am fully convinced that his attacks on the Bible are neither based on a calm and dispassionate examination of the book, nor are they fair and honest deductions from the general text, nor will they bear the light of equitable and impartial criticism.

"His dictum is not enough without he has something to offer in its stead. Polycarp, the martyr, said: 'We Christians are not accustomed to change from better to worse, but from bad to better.' And what has Mr. Ingersoll offered in place of 'that world without a tear'?"

"What material does he furnish on which to build a foundation for the life of our young men? What does his lecture contain to inspire them with ambition, to cheer them with hope to imbue them with courage, to inculcate a deep toned moral character and animate them with pure sentiments and noble resolves?"

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WILD FLOWERS.

Oh, beautiful blossoms, pure and sweet.
Azleem with dew from the country ways.
To me, at work in a city street.

SOME CANADIAN SONGS.

The Catholic Columbian, of Columbus, Ohio, has the following generous appreciation of "Poems and Lyrics."

"The 'Irish Peasant's Home' is as musical as its theme demands, and yet throughout it runs the little thread of pathos that we expect to find there too. Its closing stanza is a good specimen of its general tone:

"The second, an extract from an Alumni poem, is equally good:
'With the myrtle and vine, the express we And the wreath that we weave is approved; In the spring that we sing, there's a tribute we bring To the name of the one whom we loved.'

"His descriptions are especially good, and mark the writer not only as a man of broad travel, but one also of keen observation and appreciation. The following is from the opening stanza of 'A Ramble in the Wood' and is dedicated to Brother Alick A. Gagnier, S. J.:

"Recall to you the night that we went for a ramble.
Over pasture and meadow, by hillock and stream,
By the rough stony fence, where the raspberry
Invites us to scratches, tho' the fruit is so good."

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