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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

DEAR HARP OF MY COUNTRY

Dear Harp of my country! In darkness I found thee; The cold chain of silence had hung o'er thee long.

Dear Harp of my country, farewell to thy numbers; This sweet wreath of song is the last we shall twine:

WHEN AT WORK KEEP BUSY

Sometimes an abundance of time spoils a man for the best work. It has been noted that most men do their best under pressure.

AN O'CONNELL STORY

The many anecdotes about the Liberator which have been in circulation from his own time down to the present, are in spite of their being so well known and frequently recounted, such as do not pall by repetition and keep their humor unimpaired.

The crowd was becoming excited and impatient. O'Connell winked them. "Now," he said, "I will not begin my speech until the London gentleman is entirely ready."

"Well begun is half done," is an old-time saying. No matter what the work may be, a good beginning is half the battle.

Although the present high cost of living is a deplorable evil, it will not be without its good results, if we are alert and willing enough to learn a lesson which the present force of circumstances teaches us.

What better way of starting the day than by morning prayer, thanking God for the repose of the night, offering Him the efforts of the day, and praying that we may make it worthy of Him and worthy of ourselves.

Experiments are being introduced into the schools of the various countries. It is, without a doubt, a big step in the right direction, but unless the home puts into practice what is aimed at in schools, these experiments cannot produce the desired results.

It is a source of renewed strength and gives a buoyancy to our spiritual step and a clearness to our mental vision. It floods the heart with a breath of life and opens the windows of our soul to the sunshine of God.

How sad to think that many Christian men and women start the day without ever lifting their heart and mind to God. A few minutes in the morning recalls to us that all we do and suffer should be done for the service of God and our fellowmen, as well as for our own profits and satisfactions.

Life is made up of days, and a useful, happy, well spent life is nothing else than a series of days begun with prayer and carried out in the spirit of love and service. Just as a house is nothing else than brick placed upon brick and spiritual life is nothing else than kindly acts, noble deeds and adifying words, all united into one harmonious whole.

Years ago the idea that a penny saved is a penny earned, and the wisdom of laying aside a nest egg for a rainy day, were inculcated almost from babyhood. Indeed, in those economical times, Fourth of July, the circus, and Christmas were about the only spending days for children—days anticipated months ahead and enjoyed to the full.

Nowadays, a boy or girl of seven or eight, must spend five or ten cents a day for candy—or feel poor and miserable! These little "self-indulgences" are the foundation for the savers of the next generation!

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS THE KERRY DANCE

O the days of the Kerry dancing, O the ring of the piper's tune!

O for one of those hours of gladness, gone, alas! like our youth too soon!

When the boys began to gather in the glen of a summer night, And the Kerry piper's tuning made us long with wild delight,

O to think of it, O to dream of it, fills my heart with tears.

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Was there ever a sweeter colleen in the dance than Eily Moore? Or a prouder lad than Thady, as he boldly took the floor?

"Lads and lasses to your places; up the middle and down again." Ah! the merry hearted laughter ringing through the happy glen!

O to think of it, O to dream of it, fills my heart with tears!

O the days, etc.

Time goes on and the happy years are dead, And one by one the merry hearts are fled;

Silent now is the wild and lonely glen, Where the bright glad laugh will echo ne'er again.

Only dreaming of days gone by, fills my heart with tears!

O the days, etc.

TEACHING CHILDREN TO SAVE Just as respect for authority—or obedience—is one of the great corner-stones upon which rests the moral excellence of a family, so thrift or economy is the foundation of its material prosperity.

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danger connected with the thrift idea; we might, in our enthusiasm for it, carry it to extremes and produce the detested miser. Waste for waste's sake is just as bad a feature as saving merely for saving's sake.

A rich man may be just as frugal in his meals as a poor man; the former may have trained himself to frugality by mere choice, the latter is forced by necessity, but both may raise frugality to a virtue.

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ST. JOSEPH Saints know thee best, O hidden, silent Saint;

And would that I could feel a little part Of that great love Theresa's kindred heart!

Felt for thee, Foster-Father! But the chill, is on my soul; and few and faint The prayers that from this earthly bosom dart

Up to that heavenly throne whereon thou art In glory, nor too high to hear my plaint.

Patron of all who work in humble ways! Pray that, from pure and honest motive, I May fill with patient toil the moments flying;

Patron of happy death beds; when my days Have reached their term, be thou, dear Joseph, nigh.

With Mary and with Jesus, while I'm dying.

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