#### Recollections of John Stuart Mill

PHILOSOPHER AND PHILANTHROPIST. [By T. P. O'Connor, M.P., in T. P.'s W eekly.]

the chair. The recollection of the ocof the meeting was. Besides, I didn't there for the sake of the meeting; i went there to see Mill. People of this generation would find it hard to realize the place which Mill then occupied in the minds of the young men of England and Ireland. To them he was a great prophet, and something also of a saint and a little even of a martyr. It was known how much he had suffered of hatred, exclusion, banishment from Parliament at the hands of intellectual reactionaries who had never forgiven him for his frank discussion of economic and other questions; still less for pronounced Radicalism of his views. And to the young Radicals, like myself, who had been brought up in a university, there was something especially wonderful and awe-inspiring in the man who had brought to the gospel of Radicalism all the vast armory of scientific knowledge and thought. There is nothing so fascinating to a young student as to find the opinions he has held more as a matter of emotion and of upbringing satisfied and confirmed under the cold and searching rays of science. A university training, with its books on logic and on political economy, with its basis in Euclid and other text-books of exact science, is inclined to turn disdainfully away from the view of the man in the street-including the man in his own searching and passionless examination of the man of science, and who yet had come out on the right side, giving to the most daring dreamer of sorevolution a scientific basis for the faith that was in him. To an Irish Radical he meant even something the appearance of Mill. His head had

problem because at this moment it is which, if I remember rightly, was redpractically solved-and solved with dish in color. The nose and the lips the assent and almost on the same lines were thin; the face was clean-shaven, by all political parties. But when I except for a tiny little bit of was a boy it was still the subject of the whisker right up under the ears. The was a boy it was still the subject of the fiercest controversy, and of movements in Ireland, violent, sometimes revolutionary, often stained with blood. I remember still the look of arrogant and ignorant young disdain with which I used to turn from the pages of the I used to turn from the pages of the importance there was not a trace. He is first attracted Rhodes—the great trunk blook of the pages of the importance there was not a trace. He lished just when the union of South harsh to say that his politics were a simple English gentlemen tele.

A biography of Cecil John Rhodes that it was the immensity of it i popular journals of Ireland, with their was a simple English gentleman tak- Africa is about to become an accomp- purely materialistic. Not all his The subsequent death of the twins violent invectives, their sanguinary ing part with his fellow-citizens in adjectives, their apocalyptic interjections public act which he thought it tions and appeals, when they spoke of his duty to sanction with his words have a little the same inclination now passed out; and I never saw him confirmation and justification in the pages of this frigid English economist. It was an awakening, and almost a new birth; it is from my first perusal of these pages of Mill that I date the

already on a face that had been made early years to a larger and more familiar to me by photographs. He benignant and tolerant attitude looked just as I expected him to wards the faults of his fellow men. He look; just as he ought to have looked. never became orthodox; to represent had determined that the physical man to his words. But he, like Herbert should look exactly as the man of such Spencer, his contemporary and fellow

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I saw John Stuart Mill just once. thoughts as his should look. Never did It was at Exeter Hall, and he was in the ascetic philosopher inhabit a physthere were also the benignity and the straight school of Calvinism. at this moment recall what the object man whose philosophy was warmed by intense sympathy, especially with the poor and suffering. He was extraor-dinarily thin—and thin all over. The face was long and thin, the body was that this world was the only one worth considering, and the other from the view that this world was but the ante-chamber to another more enduring and a juster world, the two men were each consumed by the same enthusiasm of humanity, the same intense sympathy, the same burning desire to change what was wrong and restore or create a world of righteousstreet—because these views seem often appetites to such subjection that they ity have done." both looked the same ethereal beings, to be at issue with that severity of one seeing in his vision only that this crutiny which the student's training one seeing in his vision only that this have said afterwards that he had never been a "boy." "I never played conscious, I am in a higher, though a conscious, I am in a higher, though a ness to another realm beyond the skies. The inner vision was different, but its moderation of his father's system: my power of appreciation. they were both inspired visionaries.

Let me complete my recollections of a bald space in the centre, but on I can now refer to the Irish land the side there was a fringe of hair. the land problem. I thought then-I and with his presence. And then he -that people must be wrong who again. But even one glimpse of a man screamed so loudly. And then one day in the flesh has always something took up the sober pages of Mill's satisfactory about it. It enables you "Political Economy," and there, in to realize him in a way that no series cold print, in all the reserved and of volumes can do. From that time measured sentences of that very re- onward I have always felt as if I had served book, I saw set forth the Irish known Mill. And he takes his place land problem as one which was a scan-among those men who form my hagidal to Europe, and every argument and ology—the saints and the confessors who have led man onward on a march Nationalist of my own country found of progress to better things, to higher ideals, to nobler views of how a man should live his life.

There is already abundant material opinions I have held for so many years for a study of Mill's character. He since then. biographies of English literature. You trace in that book his gradual growth When I looked at Mill I looked from the hard and narrow creed of his was one of the cases where Nature his as having done so is to do violence agnostic, came to understand that the craving for the certainty and the hopes of a life beyond the grave, that the was fascinated by it in nature—by age, of his geniality and kindliness in stream of tendency which creates and the "lordliness" of Table Mountain, his own home. But the dominant maintains religious creeds, seems to be one of the ineradicable factors in the human mind and human heart. And heights above his home at Ghoote carelessness what means were used to with a certain wistfulness and almost yearning. He did not believe, and yet attitude of Mill's mind that produced right across to the west coast and letters in these two volumes. What student of Carlyle is not familiar with the name of John Sterling, that fiery and beautiful soul who, after many wanderings, found a haven at last in the safe fold of the Established Church, and thought that he was reaching the heart of the world when ne preached in a church in the city, where, as Carlyle sardonically remarks, you could fire a pistol shot without much chance of hitting anybody. Sterling, the lovable, the tender, the fragile being of enthusiasms and love, was always destined to early death, but not before he had made the world richer by many inspirations and many beautiful friendships, and had helped to add to the pages of literamost beautiful and melodious biographies in literature. Sterling was the friend of John Stuart Mill also. There are many letters from Mill to him in these volumes, but there is only one which it is necessary for me to notice: that is the letter which Mill wrote when Sterling conveyed to him the sad intelligence that he knew he was soon going to die. And this is what Mill wrote in reply to that sombre saddening missive:

"I have never so much wished for another life as I do for the sake of meeting you in it. The chief reason for desiring it has always seemed to me to be that the curtain may not drop altogether on those one loves and honors. Every analogy which favors the idea of a future life leads one to expect that if such a life there be. death will no further change our character than as it is liable to be changed by any other important event in our existence—and I feel most acutely what it would be to have a firm faith that the world to which one is in progress was enriching itself with those by the loss of whom this world is im-

The story of Mill's early and extraordinary training has often been told. His father was a gifted, energetic,

temperament of that marvellous and all its opinions something of the Puritan sternness, of the racial uncom promising spirit, of the perfervid conviction which have made its religion according to John Knox. And thus it often comes to pass that the very Scotchmen who have abandoned John doctrines, yet remain John Knoxes in patience, intolerance, and thoroughness ical form more appropriate. In his face which formerly they gave to the casion is now so blurred that I cannot gentleness one would expect from a Mill was such a man. He had a certain bitterness and rancour in his found in his more distinguished son; long and thin. There seemed just his son's ever was. James Mill, too, enough flesh to clothe the great intel- it must be remembered, was an ag- picture in the following extract from nostic and a Utilitarian when such ous, but it is true, that there was in views had all the unpopularity, and many respects a certain resemblance also all the enthusiasm and fanati-between him and Cardinal Manning—cism. of a new gospel. Jeremy Bent-more 'heartiness' in my letters, and cism, of a new gospel. Jeremy Bentbetween the ascetic philosopher and ham was still living in Queen's Square should complain of being told my the ascetic and devout Catholic Car- and giving forth to a world of wonder- thoughts only, not my feelings, espedinal—a curious and yet not alto-ful young men his complete gospel; cially when, as is evident from your gether extraordinary phenomenon. For and philosophic Radicalism was a new last letter, you stand more in need men hold widely different creeds and name and a new thing. James Mill of the consolation and encourageyet remain of the same temperament. resolved that his son should be trained ment of sympathy. But, alas! when to be a shining example of the glories I give my thoughts I give the best I professed-a creed apparently which capacity man has of loving; boundeducation in books the chief purpose perambulator to begin the most serious and most difficult of studies. He started learning to read when ness and of more evenly distributed study of Greek when he was three, of a strong will. It seems the eterhappiness. They were both the slaves and when he was still only seven he nal barrier between man and man of their opinions and their tempera- had read the whole of Herodotus and the natural and impassable limit both ments, and the better to propagate of Xenophon's "Cyropaedia" and "Me- to the happiness and to the spiritual their gospel they both denied the flesh.

Mill, like Manning, lived on one-third serves: "My father demanded of maging lived on one-third serves: "My father demanded of maging lived on one-third serves." or one-fourth the food of the ordinary not only the utmost that I could do, of either giving or receiving good in man. They both had brought their but much that I could by no possibil- any form through that channel is so

accustoms him to apply to all prociety, the other turning his gaze from at cricket," he adds; and then comes less happy, state that the self-satisfied posals. But here was a cold philosthe world's injustice and transitorithis severe judgment underneath all many who have my wants without

CECIL RHODES; HIS PLANS AND

HIS PERSONALITY

W. P. C., in Manchester Guardian.

faults and however pernicious his methods. He did, indeed, stray into

later policy, was from the first an ad- some dark and crooked ways in pur-

vocate of union-a limited federation suing the "mission of the Anglo-Saxon

if the racial cleavage prevented any race." But he had an enlightened

closer bond, but as an ideal "a United native States of South Africa as a portion of wars, and he saw very clearly the British Empire." Sir Thomas danger of intrusting native races to

Fuller, for many years a member of the narrow vision of a small colonial the Cape Assembly, a former editor of the Argus, a Colleague of Rhodes in following years, he was not a friend the Argus, and a supporter in

some enterprises and a supporter in of racial politics. He liked the Dutch

others, an intimate friend from the days when Rhodes first began to put with and through the Bond. The rise

He does not pretend to write a history; if he did there are many epi-

sodes in the career of his subject ter. He was soured and embittered by which would be inadequately treated his humiliation. Sir Thomas Fuller

the native wars, the Chartered tells how he sneered at Hofmeyr, with Company and the development of whom he had worked so long; he does

Rhodesia, the Raid, and Rhodes' ac- not add that Rhodes accused President tivities in the years that followed it. Steyn of having pursued a hostile It is rather a study of the character course towards Cape Colony when

into words his vast dream of expan-sion from Cape Colony into Central of the mining indus-

widely-read, intellectual, but dour Scotchman. It is characteristic of the temperament of that marvellous and highly-endowed race that it brings into

For some portion of his life Mill was fighting against the narrowness of his scientific training. He had been taught a suppression of emotion and of imagination that made him almost phenomenal; and then one day he made the acquaintance of Wordsworth Knox, and even have come to abhor his and suddenly the great new world of poetry was opened out to him, and their new creeds. They bring to there came to him a process very like avowed agnosticism the same im- that which Nonconformists call conversion; he saw a whole new view of life, and this was the beginning of an James entire change. But the starvation of his emotions was perhaps not so easily cured. Reserved and cold in apcomposition which were not to be pearance, he was really a most warmhearted man; but he had a warmth of it may be because his life was a good feeling without the corresponding deal harder and more checkered than power of warmth of expression or a letter to Carlyle:

"Truly (he writes to him) I do not and blessings of the creed which he have. You wonder at 'the boundless thought of man as all intellect, and less, indeed, it is in some natures, immeasureable and inexhaustible; but of life-with the result that the poor I also wonder, judging from myself, child was compelled when he left the at the limitedness and even narrowness of that capacity in others. That seems to me the only really insuperable calamity in life-the only one he was two years old. He began the which is not conquered by the power It is no wonder that Mill should scious of that scantiness as a want scanty as mine, are so painfully con-

made a successful descent.

#### STRANGE CASE OF **BOHEMIAN TWINS**

Medical and Legal Profession Interested in Remarkable Occurrence.

Both the medical and the legal profession on the continent of Europe are keenly interested in the remarkable case of the Bohemian twin sisters Blazek, one of whom, Rosa, recently became the mother of a boy. The sisters, who are known to the world as the successors of the famous Siamese twins Chang and Egn, have the misfortune, like them, to be joined together and there is speculation as

to how the second girl Josepha is legally affected by the occurrence. Hitherto the twins have been regarded in the eyes of the law as one subject. It is now asserted that this state of affairs cannot continue. Coninental lawyers are enlarging upon Josepha's case even going to length of saying that she would be within her rights in demanding compensation for the inconvenience she was forced to undergo. One report says that she has quarrelled with Rosa, and demands to be separated, no matter at what risk. In this, it is pointed out, she still has the law on her side, as the agreement of the second twin to such an operation is legally unnecessary.

Mentally the young women, who are 32 years old, are as different as can Rosa is the prettier and more intelligent and vivacious. Her sister is of a quiet temperament and prefers to rest the greater part of the day. The sisters don't always agree, out after a quarrel it is Rosa who nvariably breaks the ice with her less amiable companion.

Though the same blood circulates brough the two bodies, if one is ill he other is not necessarily so; indeed, just now Rosa, the mother, has temperature several degrees higher than that of Josepha. Often when one is out of sorts the other is perfectly well. In direct opposition to this fact ex-

periments on the twins have shown that if a drug is administered to one it acts on both. The operation of separating them, should this step be decided on, would not necessarily mean death to either of them. This was proved by Dr. Doyen, the Paris surgeon, who separated the twins Radica and Doodica some years ago, the operation becoming imperative owing to the latter's state of health. lished fact, for Rhodes, whatever his ideals were besmirched by his later was caused by tuberculosis.

ICE AS FUEL.

A cake of ice at 32 degrees Fahrenheit is ordinarily considered to be rather a cold substance, but it is as much hotter than liquid air as the oven in which bread is baked is hot-

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#### ANTICIPATED WIDOWHOOD.

Assemblyman Andrew F. Murray aid in Albany at the commencement of the meat boycott: "There is even talk of their raising prices again. Vell, if they do that, they'll show as knowledge of the American people's spirit as William's Sprague's wife had on business forms. "Bill Sprague kept a general store

at Croydon's Four Corners. One day he set off for New York to buy a lot of goods. The goods were shipped immediately, and, as Bill had lingered York sightseeing, they reached Croydon Four Corners before him. "The goods, in an enormous packing case, were driven to the general store by the local teamster. Mrs. Sprague ame out to see what had arrived, and with a shriek tottered and nearly fell. 'Oh, what's the matter, ma'am?" cried the hired girl.

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of the man as Sir Thomas Fuller saw Steyn had, as a fact, followed that it during a long association, and if one course at the direct request of Rhodes could wish that it had been more and his ministry. critical, yet it is a definitely helpful It is a pleasant account which Sir contribution to a still vexed contro- Thomas Fuller gives of the personal versy. Sir Thomas Fuller confirms one's erosity in giving quiet help to needy opinion that Rhodes was literally settlers, of his determination to share possessed by megalomania. In everythe perils of the second Matabele war, thing size gripped his imagination. He though he had no great physical courby the "illimitable" desert, by the characteristic is none of these. It is "enormous expanse" visible from the the passion for bigness in things and "noble"

Africa, is of course a

while never able to accept the beliefs Schuur, by the Zambesi Falls, whose achieve the end. of his fellow men, and especially of spray he hoped would blow over that his fellow countrymen, he abandoned great work of his own devising, the position of intolerant and im- railway to the north. Immensity bepatient repulsion which those beliefs came for him a good thing in itself.

caused in his young mind, and he looked on at them as Mark 100 her her hortin. Infinitely beooked on at them-as Herbert Spencer claimed" tract to the north and add once in a country house gazed at morning prayer, with the master of the when it was done "we possess a very house surrounded by his servants— large piece of the world," he said. He cecil Grace Sails Over British believed that Paul Kruger was trying to anticipate him-this was in the wished that he might have been able to believe. And it is this change in the idea of stretching the Transvaal from his pen what appears to me the sealing up the Cape Colony within its most touching and striking of all the letters in these two well-sealing up the Cape Colony within its borders, expanding his territory to the letters in these two well-sealing up the Cape Colony within its borders, expanding his territory to the letters in these two well-sealing up the Cape Colony within its borders, expanding his territory to the borders, expanding his territory to the north, and ultimately of seizing Delagoa Bay. The idea was bold and vast, of course. But that is not what Rhodes called it; to him it was a scheme. Size almost became his ethical standard. There was "im-mense breadth," he once said, in Table

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thing else led to his later policy to-

side of Rhodes' character-of his gen-

the kind, and when his machine was from his corns by Putnam's Corn Exseen high in the air there was natur-ally some excitement. The machine has cured every man it treated—use came suddenly into a dull grey sky "Putnam's" only-it's painless and from the direction of East Church, sure. Mountain, and those who lived by the moving in a series of sweeps at a great mountain and in its shadow acquired height. The Royal Aero Club aviation thereby an "immense broadening" of grounds are at East Church, but many mind. No doubt he meant it, but in did not know this. Although the day his own case what was developed was was gusty the aeroplane travelled with his tendency to rival nature in vast- the speed of an express train, coming ness of his schemes. He used to ridi-cule the idea that the object of the Cape to Cairo Railway was to let a for the town. The sound of the engine passenger get in a train at Cairo and was very distinct. The machine soarget out of it at Cape Town. The main ed over part of Sheerness garrison, purpose, he said, was commercial, and keeping just to the left of the dockhelped to add to the pages of literature Carlyle's book on him, one of the known it would probably be found of the colonel commanding the sarries of the colonel commanding the garrison, and many officers ran out to join the throng of spectators in the street. Then, swooping down from an altitude of 500 feet to 400 feet, the little aerial craft dashed across the harbor at its widest part and passed directly over the destroyer Saracen. The bluejackets cheered vigorously. The aeroplane turned and made a circle round the armored cruiser Natal, afterwards slipping back and doubling down the Medway at great height above the armored cruiser Natal and other warships. Officers and seamen swarmed the decks to watch the airship. The aeronaut passed quite close to the great mast shears in the dockyard. As he left the harbor he was seen to drop a package. This was a bundle of letters with a request that the finder would post them. By now he had dropped much lower and could be seen slearly on his machine as he repassed Sheerness a few hundred feet

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