CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

SOGGARTH AROON Who in the winter's night, Soggarth Aroon, When the cold blast did bite, Soggarth Aroon, Came to my cabin door, And on my earthen floor, Knelt by me sick and poor? Soggarth Aroon!

Who on the marriage-day, Soggarth Aroon! Made the poor cabin gay, Soggarth Aroon! And did both laugh and sing, Making our hearts to ring, At the poor christening? Soggarth Aroon!

Who as friend only met, Soggarth Aroon! Never did flout me yet, Soggarth Aroon!
And when my heart was dim,
Gave, while his eye did brim,
What I should give to him? Soggarth Aroon!

Twas you, and only you, Soggarth Aroon! So we are true to you, Soggarth Aroon! Loyal and brave to you, Yet be no slave to you, True till the grave to you, Soggarth Aroon! -JOHN BANIM

DISCOURAGEMENT

Almost all great works have suffered in their inception because someone did not understand or sympathize with them. And many of the greatest works were ridiculed and rejected and almost thrust out of existence, to be rescued at the last moment from an ignominious

death by the merest chance.

Many interesting anecdotes are related of famous men and their works, which albeit they furnish amusement to us after the lapse of several decades, yet must have been anything but amusing to those who participated in them and who had to bear up under the keenest pangs of ointment because their cherished projects appeared to be fail-

The author of a large number of popular novels in great favor with the reading public of the day, confesses that the manuscript of his first book, which critics say is his best, was returned from twelve publishing houses before it finally received a favorable comment. It is probably true that on several occasions the hapless author gazed intently at the hearth fire and weighed the apparent futility of giving the child of his brain the chance for another hour of life. But overcoming his discouragement, in a spirit of fun he sent it to the thirteenth house, where some unusual critic had the perspicacity to see in it a hint of future promise. So it was launched on its career which proved so successful that from that time forth there were no more temptations to burn the manuscripts. A little courage and humor saved the day and incidentally the book from annihilation.

Mr. Thackeray, before turning his genius to literary aspirations, believed that he was going to be a famous artist some day. He devoted many spare hours to drawing, and doubtless considered his efforts very good. He conceived the brilliant project of illustrating the works of a rising young novelist of the day whose star was just beginning to accord in the heap of gold that glitters or in stones of priceless worth? Sure you'll never find a jewel in the hing to ascend in the horizon of London and thereabouts. So, with high hopes, the would-be artist, set about developing a series of sketches, an Irish mother's heart.

—JOSEPH S. HOGAN, S. J. high hopes, the would-be artist, set about developing a series of sketches for the "Pickwick Papers." Shortly afterwards he carried the results of his labor to the young author and exhibited them with no small satisfaction. But, alas for aspirations—they were rejected by Mr. Dickens as unsuited to his pur-

pose.

Thackeray was not discouraged; he believed that he had genius for something. If not for drawing, then for something else. He simply said: "Well, if you will not let me draw, I will write."

The story in Thackeray's own words is quaintly told:

"I can remember when Mr. Dickers was a very young man and

colored light green and came out once a month, that this young man wanted an artist to illustrate his writings. I recollect walking up to withings in Furnivals Inn with two or three drawings in my hand which, strange to say, he did not find suitable.

It was not until over a year after this episode that Thackeray actually this episode that Thackeray actually did embark upon the service of the pen. He always alluded to the incident of the drawings as "Mr. Pickwick's lucks escape."

For that matter, the first five numbers of the Pickwick Papers themselves failed to elicit any public force, although they were nut forth.

themselves failed to elicit any public favor, although they were put forth under the most plausible auspices by a prominent and prosperous publisher of the day. The faithful record of the "Perambulations. Perils, Travels, Adventures," etc., of this learned Club worked not upon the pleasure of a fickle public. Had not the author persisted in presenting his subject from month to month in ever more interesting and entertaining fashion, and fairly forced people to read his clever works, one of our greatest literary productions might have disappeared from the light.

In Japan, at the university and in the colleges there have been organized societies and clubs for the study of the Catholic doctrines. There is zeal for the Catholic doctrines. There is zeal for the Catholic missions every where, but especially in Spain. Germany has recovered control over more than half her missions abroad in China, Japan, at the university and in the colleges there have been organited to show with the mind and heavily in the catholic doctrines. There is zeal for the Catholic doctrines. South America, Waiser Wilhemsland, and New Pomsential Propositions and words." Its manners, but with the mind and solutions and words." Its manners, but with the mind and wheart. It refines and softens our feelings, opinions and words." Its manners, but with the mind and wheart. It refines and softens our feelings, opinions and words." Its manners, but with the mind and wheart. It refines and softens our feelings, opinions and words." Its manners, but with the mind and wheart. It refines and softens our feelings, opinions and words." Its manners, but with the mind and wheart. It refines and softens our feelings, opinions and words." Its manners, but with the mind and wheart. It refines and softens our feeli

whose names occupy honored places in our households today. In fact, not a few great men persisted in their unselfish efforts to leave some-thing to the world which should be worth while, even though during their lives they reaped no honor or

Carlyle says "The first duty of a man is still that of subduing fear.

A man shall and must be valiant. He must march forward and quit himself like a man, trusting imperturbably in the appointment and choice of the upper Powers, and not fear at all. Now and always the completeness of his victory over fear will determine how much of a math he is "

man he is."
The fear of which Carlyle speaks is closely analogous to discourage-ment, for discouragement springs from the fear lest a second effort may end in failure as has a first.

The President of one of the large colleges in the middle west has three mottos, all "don'ts." The first and most important of these simply "Don't be discouraged." This motto he endeavors to pass on to every student under his charge as also to those whom he meets in the wide experience of the lecture platform and various other activities in which he is engaged. Needless to say, the kindly influence of this watchword has wrought much good in the world, in buoying up the drooping hopes of those who are confronted with failure, in directing the gaze, not on the past and its multiple failures, but on the future and the possibilities which it

has in store.

One of the loved and respected chaplains in the World War who gave his life in the courageous dis-

charge of his sacred duties, said: "There is one fault we should avoid, and that is discouragement, for it means that we are playing the devil's game for him, his pet walking stick semeone has called it. Don't lose heart!" Or, in other words: Don't be discouraged.

Because we are creatures, creatures exercise a peculiar influence over us. We can so attach ourselves to the accomplishment of some ideal as to lose all comfort when it has proved a failure. This is the discouragement of which theologians and philosophers speak, the pet walking stick of many men who lean upon it so heavily that they gradually lose their power to stand alone and gaze courageously into the future.—The Pilot.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

AN IRISH MOTHER'S HEART There is beauty in her mountains

and a charm in Erin's hills,
A glory in her inland lakes, a music
in her rills.
But inland lake and mountain rill,

your charm can ne'er impart An image of the beauty in an Irish mother's heart.

I've heard your thrushes singing 'neath the whitened hawthorn

And the Shannon's joyous music rolling onward to the sea.

But a sweeter singing haunts me as
I sit from men apart,
'Tis the love-song of my childhood
from an Irish mother's heart. What seek ye sons of Erin, roving

TRUE POLITENESS Politeness is refinement of manners. It is derived from a word which means to polish, and signifies a desire to bring to others the greatest pleasure and the least pain. It is benevolence in little things and consists in treating our follows beings as we wish to be fellow beings as we wish to be treated ourselves. In social life there are mutual rights that must be preserved. This is done by united said: "Well, if you will not let me draw, I will write."

The story in Thackeray's own words is quaintly told:

"I can remember when Mr. Dickens was a very young man and had commenced delighting the world with some charming humorous works in covers which were colored light grown and arms."

be preserved. This is done by united action, and, as a duty, it is called action, and action action action action.

many relations of life.

Politeness is modest, choosing to conceal a courtesy when done; it is benevolent, avoiding what is disagreable to others and seeking to do what is gratifying to their feelings; it is of personal value, costing little and yielding much; it is of social advantage, for politeness is always necessary to complete the happiness of society; it is natural being a quality of all who have the feelings of man.

feelings of man.
Politeness is often thought to be mere attention to external forms, a matter of bowing and shaking hands, use of compliments, and observance of what is fashionable,

smile on the first efforts of those expends it even more than the one who receives it. It is a refining and softening quality, which polishes rudeness, temper, and arrogance, and helps to make us blameless and harmless, and without rebuke.

"Hearts, like doors, can open with

To very, very little keys; And don't forget that two are Thank you, sir, and 'If you please.',

DUTY TOWARDS MOTHER To lift all the burdens you can from shoulders that have grown stooped in waiting upon and work-

To seek her comfort and pleasure in all things before your own. Never to imitate by word or deed that your world and hers are different or that you feel in any way superior to her.

To manifest an interest in what-

ever interests or amuses her. To make her a partner, so far as your different ages will permit, in

your different ages will permit, in all your pleasures and recreations.

To remember that her life is monotonous compared with yours, and to take her to some suitable place of amusement, or for a trip to the country, or to the city if your home is in the country, as frequently as possible

frequently as possible.

To introduce all your friends to her and to enlist her sympathies in youthful projects, hopes and plans, that she may carry youth into old age.

To respect her enjoines over if

To respect her opinions even if they seem antiquated to you in all smart up-to-dateness of your college education.

To talk to her about your work, your studies, your friends, your amusements, the books you read, the places you visit, for everything that concerns you is of interest

To treat her with the unvarying courtesy and deference you accord to those who are above you in rank or position. To bear patiently with all her peculiarities or infirmities of temper

or disposition, which may be the result of a life of care and toil. To study her tastes and habits, her likes and dislikes, and cater to them as far a possible in an

To remember that she is still a girl at heart, so far as delicate little attentions are concerned.

unobtrusive way.

To give her flowers during her lifetime and not wait to heap them on her casket. To make her frequent, ample pres

ents and to be sure that they are appropriate and tasteful. To write to her and visit her.
To do your best to keep her youth ful in appearance, as well as in spirit, by helping her to take pains with her dress and the little accessories and details of her toilet.

If she is no longer able to take her accustomed part in the household duties, not to let her feel that she is superannuated or has lost any of her importance as the central

factor in the family.

Not to forget to show your appreciation of all her years of self-

To be generous in keeping her supplied with money so that she will not have to ask for it, or feel like a mendicant seeking your bounty. —Catholic Bulletin.

OUTLOOK FOR CHURCH

CONCORDATS WITH GERMAN REPUBLIC AND BAVARIA

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine Cologne, Germany .- Concordats Cologne, Germany.—Concordats already arranged and soon to be established between the Holy Sce and Bavaria and the German Republic will be the fruits of the progress made by the Church during 1921, and will add to the number of the papal embassies now more than twice as large as it was in 1914, the year the World War began.

It is difficult to survey the present situation of the Church in the

situation of the Church in the world, for everything is in a state of flux, but a review of the history of the last twelve months gives abundant cause for the prediction at the beginning of a New Year and a new Pontificate that many additional gains will be credited to Cath-

olicism everywhere.

For one thing, there is visible among the Schismatic Slavs an inclination toward Rome, and this is not in the Balkans, nor in Serbia, but in Russia, especially in the southern districts. Anatolia has separated from the Orthodox separated from the Orthodox Church, and there are signs that Athens will shortly do the same. Prince Rascolniki, head of the "Old Believers," has been converted to the Catholic Church, and he now hopes to bring about the union of the thirty million members of the

sect.
In Japan, at the university and in the colleges there have been organized societies and clubs for the study

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"STANDARD" THE WORLD OVER

Catholics have established a Catholic University at Milan. The Catholic University at Milan. The Catholic former monarchy, though the Emlics in Holland are about to do the same. Even before the War the Catholics of German Austria had begun to collect funds for a great

Catholic university at Salzburg.

More Catholic Congresses were held in 1921 than in any previous year. These assembled in practi-cally every country in Europe, and in Mexico and Argentina. Even in India there was held a great gath-ing of Catholics—the Marian Congress, which was attended by twenty-four bishops and a Papal Legate. At a single meeting of Catholic youth in Duesseldorf, Germany, above 30,000 young Catholics were present.

The hierarchy of the Church has been extended to Finland, Georgia and other States. Berlin is to have a bishop, an honor that could not Courage to tread it out.

peror would have welcomed one and Dr. Kaufmann, then a deputy in the Landtag, worked sedulously to establish the capital as a Catholic

The district of Schleswig-Holstein, heretofore under the juris-diction to the Vicar Apostolic for Germany, has been transferred to the Prefecture Apostolic of Denmark. In Saxony the bishopric of Meissen has been erected, and the Catholics of Germany are rejoicing at the restoration of a see which was lost in 1581 in the religious



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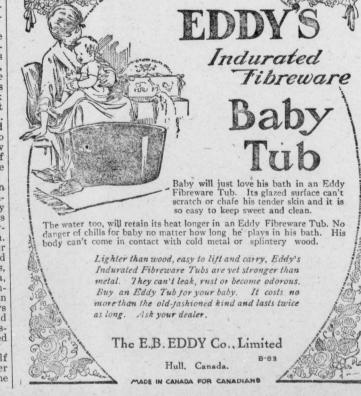
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