gregarious and is hold a waste of

time to give an evening to one friend

alone, rather than to a dozen or a

Lundred. Yet the charm of the little

dinner, or of the small group, when real conversation is possible, is be-

yond that of any other enjoyment in

MEN AS READERS.

(By M. B. O'Sullivan, in Donahoe's

for May.)

Now, how many average men really

read? How many of them could stand an examination on the contents of

the daily they patronize? Watch a business men read a paper. He skims

the contents, takes in the head-lines,

crushes it into his pocket, or throws

it on the seat of the car, and rushes

out under the impression that he is

posted on current events. It has been

said - and not by a woman - that

the time is not far distant when the

busy man will reply to enquiries re-

lative to issues of the day. "I must

ask my wife (or mother or sister, as

the case may be). I really haven't

time to read. She keeps me in touch

Of course a large reading element

from the various literary clubs and

reading rooms of the Catholic socie-

ties can be relied upon for solid sup-

port of a potential Catholic press

No one is skeptical enough to doubt

the existence of such an element

Where there are reading rooms there must be readers, but on one occasion

when a woman was permitted an in-

side glance she noted that the bil-

liard rooms, bowling alleys, and gymnasium were aglow with light and

life, and in the library-the lights

CATHOLICISM AND PROGRESS

That now ardent champion of the

Catholic cause, M Ferdinand Brune

tiere, has been giving the Italians the

benefit of his eloquence and erudition

After having left Rome, where he

was received by the Sovereign Pon-

tiff, the Academician went to Fior-

ence, where, under the patronage of

the Archbishop, Mgr. Mistrangelo, he

gave a conference In the course of

his lecture M Brunetiere showed how

materialism was no longer fastiona-

ble, how even some of the most inveterate unbelievers were turning to-

wards Christianity, fully convinced of

an environment of mystery which

science has been unable to penetrate,

and how, in spite of Freethinkers and

Freemasons, Catholicism was making

immense progress, especially in Am-

erica, so much so that New York was

the next great Catholic city after

Paris and Vienna The Academician also defended the Church from the ac-

cusation of lack of progress This is

a favorite, time-honored wheeze of

the Freethinkers and of many Protes-

tants, but M Brunetiere showed

Catholic progress in every department of life. The learned Academi-

cian is also to address the Catholic

students of Milan on "Catholicism

THE LAW OF ENDURANCE

"If a boy is not trained to endure

weakness without her regal quali-

circumstances, to clear one's own

ficulties, to walk, often, it may be,

over the thorns and brambles that ob-

struct the way, but with undaunted

spirit, is to call out qualities of re-

sourcefulness, self-reliance, courage,

and perseverance - qualities that

and Positivism."

with the press."

were turned down.

Young Men

social life."

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MARY is the plaulfestation of the Kingdom of Grace, and the type of God's way with all our souls; singular, yet not singular; admirable yet imitable also; standing alone, yet in the midst of its; moved up a cood as illustiniess atother, yet removed from usuo further than a mother from her children.

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HOME CIRCLE EEEEEEEEEEEE

THE OTHER ONE.

Sweet little maid, with winsome

That laugh all day through the tangled hair, Gazing with baby looks so wise Over the arm of the oaken chair, Dearer than you is none to me, Dearer than you there can be none, Since in your laughing face I see

Here, where the firelight softly glows Sheltered and safe and snug and warm. What to you is the wing that blows,

Eyes that tell of another one.

Driving the sleet of the winter storm? Round your head the ruddy light Glints on the gold from your tress-

But deep is the drifting snow tonight

Over the head of the other one. Laugh, little maid, while laugh you

may, Sorrow comes to us all I know, Better, perhaps, for her to stay, Under the robe of drifting snow. Sing while you may your baby songs, Sing till your baby days are done,

Night and day for the other one. -An American Anthology.

But oh, the ache of the heart that

BEAUTY AND CULTURE IN THE

FARMER'S LIFE.

Is the American farmer living up to his opportunities in the matter of culture and beauty? In The Home and Flowers for May, Louis E Van Norman, the editor, makes this the subject of his personal talk From a conesideration of natural beauty and the possibilities for enjoyment by the farmer, the "taik" passes to a brief reference to why the city is assumed to be superior to the country How can the farmer appreciate and achieve beauty and higher culture? The article quotes opinions from a number of people in particularly close touch with the social conditions of the Amorican rural population—presidents of agricultural colleges, superintendents of the agricultural departments of state universities and directors of experiment stations. Political and social wrongs are not touched upon. The opinions quoted simply show how. the farmer might refine and exalt his fife if he only appreciated fully the dignity and beauty of his lot next to

HABITS AND CHARACTER FORM-ED BY PLAY.

the soil. This article may be consid-

ered a real contribution to current cocial and esthetic literature.

In Home and Flowers for May, S. V. Tsanoff, one of the pioneer agitaors for public playgrounds, has an article on the educational value of tertainments of all kinds—without ex-these institutions. Speaking of the changing one word in the way of true affuence of play upon character, he

Through play the child forms se habits and tastes that crystal- inner tastes and convictions as if meant, not the whole man, bit its, ways true where the social ideal is elry. Gentlemen select plain gold our Father.

manifestations through habitual practices and manner of life. In this sense character has been well defined as 'a bundle of habits.' We work, and talk, and behave in general as we have been mostly accustomed to or in the habit of doing Let us note, then, that the child forms his habits chiefly through play and social environment. No matter what he is taught at home or at school, he is strongly inclined to 'imitate his playmates, and to be influenced by his playtime surroundings. Who does not know this to be a fact? Prolonged life of this

denote the character "All the above means that play is ordained by the Creator to supplement the other educational activities. to develop the physical and mental health and vigor, to build character, train citizenship, and produce the highest possible types of manhood and womanhood For achieving this end play bears the same relation towards the emotional faculties which the hurger for truth or knowledge sustains towards the intellectual life. To suppress it, as is widely done to-day means to suppress the child's growth and to dwarf body and mind To neglect it, as is also universally pre-valent, means to have the child fed, in this respect, on poisonous food in

"The privilege of having someone

with whom we may exchange a few

rational words every day, as Emer-

son phrases it, is the choicest gift of

life. We are rich in society and yet

poor in companionship In the over-

flow of chatter we are starved for

conversation. Social life is so large-

ly an affair of representation, it in-

clines so largely to the spectacular

and to what its chroniclers designate

as 'social functions,' that the element

of conversational intercourse is al

most climinated. Yet, primarily, is

not that the supreme object of all

friendly meeting? When we reduce to first principles this complex thing

called living, do we not go to our

friend solely to talk with him? Do we lot invite him solely that we may

exchange ideas and compare views on

things go, people meet all through a

throngs-at dinners, receptions, en-

and know as little of one another's

kind forms the habits and creates the

tastes that control the co

make strong men and women-which otherwise might remain dormant It was through such a tangled for-est that Samuel Drew, at twentyone, a poor shoemaker that could the streets, alleys and other rowdy hardly read the alphabet, cleared his gatherings, and to become a man or way until he became the most prowoman of low tastes, vulgar habits, found metaphysician of his time, the degrading tendencies-blighted life. author of works upon immortality of the soul which have never been sir-

RICH IN SOCIETY, POOR IN COMpassed Samuel Lec, apprenticed to a car. PANIONSHIP. penter at the age of twelve, and at The third paper of Lilian Whiting's seventeen, at the close of his apseries on "The Life Beautiful" appears in Home and Flowers for May prenticeship, earning six shillings (\$150) a week, received, as the re-It considers pictures, music and conward of overcoming the obstacles versational intercourse in the home. which crowded his path, the chair of As to meeting one's friends, she says Regus, Professor of Hebrew in the

University of Cambridge, and the honor due him as one of England's great oriental scholars Success without difficulty, or achievement without strenuous effort, is robbed of most of its triumph Whoever would taste the joy of the victor must develop his strength by overcoming obstacles Whoever would wear the laurels of a conqueror must bear the burden and heat of the day

ABOUT YOUR APPEARANCE

without murmuring.-Success.

It should be good You owe that to yourself And whether it is at the office or when you are out visiting you should be a clean, wholesomelooking young man Cleanliness does much toward godliness, and a clean body aids a clean soul It may not be subjects of mutual interest? Still. as in yo r power to possess a dress suit but if you should not, don't borrow season in the midst of groups and one and don't hire one Brush up the best clothes you have, make them immaculate and then enjoy yourself intercourse. They fail to find the and forget your clothes Your linear clue to the labyrinth of inner life, can always be fresh and clean, and can always be fresh and clean, and your tie can be in good style and properly knotted. Never wear a loud into character. By character here they did not meet at all. This is al- scart and never wear imitation low- all - till we have risen and gone to

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Rescue the Body to Assail the Soul.

To the Editor of The Register

"Once more we have to record one less of our children with us, one more with the Lord, for on February 11th our dear Irish laddie Patrick, fell asleep, aged 11 years. His memory will always be fragrant in some of our hearts, not only as the manilest, brightest and most lovable boy we ever knew, but as another gem in the Saviour's crown. Brought up in a dark Roman Catholic home, in the midst of filth and squalor, jet he was a most refined and gentle boy, with a real love of truth, and most honorable, and very loyal to his 'religion." "Oh, you're a Roman Catholic,' remarked one of the boys to him on hearing what school he attended

"'Yes, and I am proud of it,' answered our doughty Pat, 'and I am not going to say any Protestant prevers here My mother says my back will never get better if I do '

"And at first he took no part, even in saying grace before meals We never appeared to notice it, but we made Pat a special subject of prayer His interest in everything good was most apparent and he listened eagerly with a hungry expression in his beautiful dark eyes to the Gospel story Whose heart the Lord opened' will always mean 'Pat' to us, it so truly describes him Gradually he joined us, first in 'Our Father' as a common possession and then in thanking God for our food and then in our simple ward prayers (he was always in bed)

"Then he asked to be carried down to Mr. Shaw's service at Bethesda on 278 YONGE STREET, opposite Wilton Sunday evening, and finally he learnand to bear trouble, he will grow up ed whole chapters of Scripture by like a girl," says Beecher, "and a heart, and desired a Bible for his boy that is a girl has all a girl's Christmas present Pat's favorite verse was John 3, 16, and he repeat-. ties " To be obliged to wrestle with ed it to his parents one visiting day quite of his own accord. I wished path through a tangled forest of difthem to have his treasurea Bible which has been given to them since with aching heart and bleeding feet Still, interest is not faith, and we asked God that a definite testimony as to acceptance of Christ might be given before he left us, and this, too, was granted, in a little talk with 'mother' Pat declared his trust in Christ's finished work, and a few days after went to be forver with the Lord His bed will soon be filled, but his place in our hearts never "

Dear Sir-The above article, taken from the pages of a publication issued by an English in litution for the care of children, bears evidence of sincerity These people, in their presumptuous ignorance, would rather rescue a child from the late of being brought up in a Catholic home than the would a child from nominal Protestant but practually heathen home 'Yet he was a most refined and gentic boy, with a real love of truth, and most honorable and very loyal to his religion " These are strange qualities surely to be possessed by the product of a "dark Roman Catholic nome ' If nature, or heredity, or parental training or perhaps Catholic doctrine had been so successful in forming the character of this boy would it not have been better to allow him to remain undisturbed. This particulat institution places a number of children annually in Canada It would be interesting to know how many are rescuel from "dark Roman Catholic homes '

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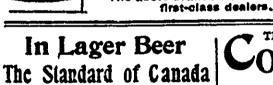
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