

IRELAND'S GREAT SON.

A Glowing Tribute to the Late Archbishop MacHale.

The Oracular Guide and Trusty Leader in the Early Politico-Ecclesiastical Councils of the Green Isle—His Struggles During Youth.

A writer in the New York "Sun" pays a glowing tribute to the late Archbishop MacHale and also to his biography published by the Rev. Dr. O'Reilly. He says: There is an auspicious opportunity in the appearance just at present of the two goodly volumes in which Monsignor O'Reilly narrates the history of the late Archbishop MacHale. The entire work is characteristically racy of Irish life, both ecclesiastical and civil, and it rounds off the checkered vicissitudes of the burning Anglo-Irish question, linking together in unbroken sequence and harmonious completeness the opening and closing decades of our own century.

"John of Tuam" was born in 1791, before railroads, steamships, and telegraphy had metamorphosed locomotion, and while there still set in College Green the energetic Parliament of Henry Grattan, which made Dublin the rival of Edinburgh among the most picturesque capitals of Western Europe. The death and burial of that national legislator, compassed by British perfidy, was one of numerous stirring events in the patriot-priest's boyhood, which witnessed the sanguinary engagement of Vinegar Hill, the French invasion of Killa, and the visit to Belfast and Dublin of Benjamin Franklin—who "found the Irish people disposed to be friends of America."

A born slave, religiously proscribed, politically disfranchised, educationally helpless beyond the meagre aid of the illegal "Hedge-school," MacHale arose to the summit of elegant scholarship, maintaining during half a century the undisputed position of oracular guide and trusty leader in the politico-ecclesiastical councils of the Irish nation. As professor in the Divinity chair of Maynooth, his name will be green in that notable seminary for many future years. Priests now deep in the valley of life first drank the mingled springs of sound orthodox and literary elegance in MacHale's "Evidences of Christianity," since translated into several European languages. As a Latinist he was prominent even in his declining years among the Fathers of the Vatican, in which battle of the giants he was excelled but by a chosen few, including his gifted compatriot, the late Cardinal Cullen.

In translating into the Gaelic the Pentateuch, the Iliad, and the melodies of his lyric friend, MacHale bestowed upon his countrymen gifts unheard of by the peasantry of any nation, a literature unknown to the Pentarchy of ancient Ireland, jewels such as never adorned the Minstrelsy of Royal Tara, or the Red Branch Knights of America. Kinora has shared the fate of Persepolis; the glittering collar of Turgesius has melted away as the golden palace of the Cmsars; but the cottier of rocky Antrim and the fisherman of Galway can commune with the Hebrew legislator in the living tongue of Malachy and Brian Boromha. In combating the Crowbar brigade, England's last and vilest invasion, the Irish farmer-tyrannicide—his patriotism in the battle pieces of Homer. Philanthropy may well have mounted an enviable triumph of Christian charity when this patriotic Bishop compressed; their distilled quintessence from the Has malorum of Troy to transmute Gaelic solace into the bruised heart of the Connemara highlander.

Having captured the richest estates in Ireland, and banished the aboriginal Celts, the chief study of the Cromwellian and the Williamite was to obliterate the language. The one Irishman who most strenuously and most to frustrate this comprehensive denationalization was MacHale. To this day in the case of the traveler from the hills may hear Moore himself—in the hills. For, while slight difficulty was found it hard to find his genuine Hebrew in his silent hills in the mountains they con-nought, he goes on of Ireland. MacHale lifting up the spirits of an ob-Rapacious successions, exarbitration, arbitrary taxation, industry, or in kind or by purchase of the country's produce, nearly

a hundred Draconian acts of coercion en-tailing contempt of law and order—these are a few of the difficulties against which MacHale's sore-ried flock persistently contended. This anomalous situation is aggravated by enormous armies of foreign demoralizing soldiers and brigades of police tutored to aggressive insolence. If such be the wretched spectacle presented by Ireland to-day, the reader will perhaps shrink in dismay at the far ghastlier condition of that beautiful country prior to Emancipation, 1839.

For thirty years MacHale had incessantly labored to disenthral his enslaved compatriots. What with public meetings, letters, and pamphlets, personal appeals to the masses by this popular Archbishop of the West, and with the thrilling harangues of the uncrowned chieftain of Derrymane Abbey upon the crests of Tara, the Galtees, and Mullagh-mast, the heart of Ireland was kept in buoyancy until the shackles fell from the limbs of eight millions of ransomed Celts.

One thousand dollars have been contributed by Mr. Thomas Kirby of Washington toward the endowment of the Father Mathew chair in the Catholic University.

ITALIAN INJUSTICE.

A Wealthy Lady's Will, Leaving a Legacy to the Pope, is Missing.

Recent cable despatches from Rome contained information further showing the shameful state to which the Italian Government has descended. Any move against the Church that would add to the coffers of those in power was speedily put in operation and the many cases where the Church has been made to suffer is already well known throughout the entire civilized world.

The latest disgrace reported is the most petty and degrading piece of thievery that has yet been attempted. While the amount involved is not near as large as the Church has been pilfered of before by the action of Crisp's Government, yet the circumstances of the affair are such as to put to a blush a hardened criminal.

A short time ago Signora Aldimira Theis, a very wealthy Italian lady, died, leaving, according to her own promise and the testimony of persons who witnessed her will, the sum of five million lire to the Pope.

Her relatives and other presumable legatees were prepared to hear the will read bequeathing this large sum to the Holy Father, knowing the wishes of the dead lady, but no will was forthcoming and diligent search for it since has been fruitless.

In the absence of the will the entire estate reverts to the Government and it is freely charged that the document has been stolen by persons acting for the Crown, in order to deprive the Pope of his legacy.

The affair has created a great deal of excitement and will probably be heard of in the courts. The persons who witnessed the will are ready to testify that they were made aware of the contents of the document before signing it.

Notes.

There are 80,466 Catholics in Oregon.

A Spanish pilgrimage will shortly proceed to Rome.

Three hundred children were confirmed recently in a Newark Church by Bishop Wright.

Father Saldet of Gratton, O., has just celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as a priest.

J. Madison Wells, at one time Governor of Louisiana, and his wife have become Catholics.

The Vicar-General of the archdiocese of Salmas, Persia, is visiting America.

He speaks ten languages fluently. Gen. Radetzky, the great Austrian General, was a devout Catholic, and before entering a battle always recited the Rosary.

The fiftieth anniversary of the profession of Sister Agatha in the Visitation Convent, St. Paul, Minn., was celebrated recently.

The site for the monument to Father Damen at Molokai has been chosen by the King of Hawaii and a member of the English committee.

The most influential man in the republic of Bolivia, Bishop Juande Dias Bosque, is dead. He was 61 years old. When his death was learned all work and trade was suspended for four days.

Persistence.

All depends on perseverance. Without this nothing avails. The grace and perfection and splendor of the Angels could not save them. The daily fellowship with Jesus, His doctrines and miracles, and three years of His presence, did not save Judas. The gift of regeneration, and of the sacraments of grace, were all in vain to Ananias and Sapphira. All alike lacked one thing, and that one thing lacking lost them all things. They had not perseverance; and though they had everything else, nothing without this was of any avail.—Cardinal Manning.

FATHER LACOMBE.

His Warning to the Indians of Canada, Whom He Loved.

There is a no more pathetic story of the conquest by the whites of the Canadian wilderness than that of how the kind old priest, Father Lacombe, warned the Blackfoot Indians against the coming of the pale faces. He went to the reservation and assembled the leaders before him in council. He told them that the white men were building a great railroad, and in a month their workmen would be in that virgin country. He told the wondering red men that among these laborers would be found many bad men seeking to sell whiskey, offering money for the ruin of the squaws. Reaching the greatest eloquence possible for him, because he loved the Indians and doubted their strength, he assured them that contact with these white men would result in death, in the destruction of the Indians and by the most horrible processes of disease and misery. He thundered and he pleaded. The Indians smoked and reflected. Then they spoke through old Crowfoot:

"We have listened. We will keep upon our reservation. We will not go to see the railroad."

But Father Lacombe doubted still, and yet more profoundly was he convinced of the ruin of the tribe should the "children" as he sagely calls all Indians—disobeyed him. So once again he went to the reserve, and gathered the chief and head men, and warned them of the soulless, diabolical, selfish instincts of the white men. Again the grave warriors promised to obey him.

The railroad laborers came with camps and money and liquors and numbers, and the prairie thundered the echoes of their sledge-hammers strokes. And one morning the old priest looked out of the window of his bare bedroom and saw curling wisps of gray smoke ascending from a score of tepees on the hill beside Calgary. Angry, amazed, he went to his doorway and opened it, and there upon the ground sat some of the head men and the old men with bowed heads, ashamed. Fancy the priest's wrath and his questions! Note how wisely he chose the name of children for them. Their spokesman at last answered with the excuse that the buffaloes were gone and food was hard to get, and the white men brought money which the squaws could get. And what is the end? There are always tepees on the hills now beside every settlement near the Blackfoot Reservation. And one old missionary lifted his trembling forefinger toward the sky when I was there and said, "Mark me. In fifteen years there will not be a full-blooded Indian alive on the Canadian prairie—not one."

Through all that revolutionary railroad building and the rush of new settlers, Father Lacombe and Crowfoot kept the Indians from war, and even from deprivations and from murder. When the half-breeds arose under Reil, and every Indian looked to his rifle and his knife, and when the mutterings that preface the war cry sounded in every lodge, Father Lacombe made Crowfoot pledge his word the Indians should not rise. The priest represented the Government on these occasions. The Canadian statesmen recognize the value of his services. He is the great authority on Indian matters beyond our border; the ambassador to and spokesman for the Indians.

Lament.

Fearful thought! we were born alone, and alone we must die; and yet through all our life we, as it were, flee from loneliness, which is alike the beginning and the ending of our earthly transit.—Cardinal Manning.

Notes.

Cardinal Howard is staying at Brighton, England. There is no improvement in his health.

The monument to John Boyle O'Reilly is an immense boulder of New Hampshire slate and is erected in Holywood Cemetery, near Boston.

The Franciscan Monastery at Allegheny, Pa., will be enlarged, ground having been broken for an extensive addition to the building proper.

Rev. Vincent Nash, S. J., a brother of the late Lord Chancellor of England, has been attached to the Bengal mission and will leave Europe for Calcutta shortly.

Our Whole Life.

Truly, we know what we are before God, we must take our whole life, with its context, and read it in the light of God's love and providential care. Quilt is a complex thing—a balance of many particulars on God's part and on ours. It is our sin multiplied by His gifts of light and grace.—Cardinal Manning.

Bishop McGolrick, of Duluth, Minn., is building a two-story house adjoining his residence, part of which will be utilized as a library for the Bishop's 18,000 volumes, the use of most of which is free to his friends.

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