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The Beautiful and Romantic Scenery of its Surroundings Enthrances the Visitor.

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Some Interesting Legends.

SLIGO TRELAND

next a magnificentiandscape. Climbor, and giving all the advantage of College of Cardinals, read the following Cairn's Hill, about two miles out coloring which is the boast of Kilfrom Sligo, I had a bird's eye view larney. The timber, too, in this doof as wild, grand and picturesque main is equal to almost any I have a panorama as might be seen any seen, and I have often found myself where. At your feet is the town, on pausing before some magnificent the banks of the silvery Garvoge, ash oak elm, or lime, throwing its with its fine Cathedral and many deep shade across the green amphispires. Sligo is situated in what, in theatre, which it seems to have pressed to Your Holiness un other may be called "Sleepy Hollow." Not about eight miles long and from one the causes of bitterness to Your that its inhabitants are not wide to two broad, and in the character paternal heart cease not to increase, sleepy somehow, and this is a great where bold-but it is beautiful ex- more. A heartiful and most consulsteads and light houses. On one ing outline. The extent of Lough the joy of every Cathelic heart is hand you have Slieve-da-En-a mass Gill is highly favorable to its beau- made in both hemispheres of the of knobs, bosses and ravines—in and ty. The eye embraces at once its world. It recalls the beginnings of other direction the Ox Mountains, whole length and breadth, the whole the Church, when, Herod Agrippa looking exactly like the petrified circumference of its shores; all their having put St. Peter in prison in narca Hill of the King of Hill of called after a beautiful but hopeless certainly by no means a lesser oblialthough the only royal residence who met her fate upon its banks, vent hope that the incense of united ument to one Meave an exceed surface of the water, seated in a Bleesing may descend upon the ingly beautiful but warlike queen of swift-rolling charles. It is believed Church and her Supreme Sovereign, Erin. Farther off are the huge by many of the natives, that where that the bonds of love existing bepeaks of Ben bulblu. Benweesken, the waters of the lough now spread tween the Father and his children True more (The Three Sisters), the was formerly a rich plain, in the may be strengthened, and that the Blue Rock, and Curley Mountains - centre of which stood a noble city. It imph of the Church may be obsome of them reaching nearly 3,000 Some of the luke boatmen declare tained. May Your Holimess delign to feet above the sea mountains.

'That like giants stand To sentine! enchanted land."

Still farther off, on a clear day, might be seen the ranges of Leitrim and Cavan. Coming around to the he had seen smoke ascending from returns laden with sweetest joy cairn or circular mound of round stones, the gens of the picture broke lass named Biddy went once with on my view-Lough Gill. Behold her pail to fetch water from the it, I mentally exclaimed-Wild lake, when lot its waters receded grance wasted on the desert air. was dipping her pail into the clear, Not a sail, not a sound—beauteous limpid waters they were gone. Then nature undisturbed. It would be Biddy was lured on, astonished at hard to give a fair idea of its lovell- the phenomenon, until she walked ness in detail. One does not know on and on through a more beautiful which most to admire—the blue country than she had ever seen belake, the many pretty wooded fore. At last she came to a beautiislands, the wild, rugged, brown, ful city, whose open casements and heather-clad bills around it, or the street lamps twinkled and glittered vari-colored woods around its shores, in the distance like a multitude of Lough Gill. It is as beautiful, love herself, 'phere am Oi at all in the alluded to the solicitude of the faithly, serene and enchapting a spot as world? The Saints betun me an' ful in continually imploring from excepting Woodstock or Killarney cence of this city far exceeded anytwixt the "tear and the smile"-now gazed around and thought it must a hail shower, again a burst of sun- be heaven. All this time sho saw no opportunities of recommending shine, which threw an indescribable people. Suddenly, coming to an inglory over the scene. A big inky closure, she saw bearded men, clad no shelter on the hill. I had to beat near an altar, on which was extenda hasty retreat—reluctantly enough ed a human form, over which the -down through rocks and furze. Oh, high-priest, for such he appeared to but that view was so enchanting I be, was flourishing a sacrificial knife. could have remained admiring it for Now Biddy, seized with terror, gave hours. I called into a cottage to in- vent to a piercing scream and fledquire the way up to the Cairn's followed by the entire assembly. She Hill. I found the occupants very flew in the direction of her dwelling, interesting, kind and obliging. They hoping if she could reach it that the gave me a good account of the evil spirits could have no power of owner of Haslewood (Mr. Wynne) a pursuing her beyond the bounds of beautiful demeans on the shores of their own watery domain. Biddy, Lough Gill. This gentleman, to by a desperate effort, reached her gether with his accomplished daugh- cottage. How long she may have ters, are very kind to their tenants remained there she knew not, but and the poor of the mighborhood, on revival she found herself lying on My informants were a bunch of her bed, whilst outside raged a fearly married.

the vicinity, what must it be when the landscope, and the dark waters you explore the hundred and one of the troubled lake were lashed into hidden beauties around its enchant- angry foam-clad billows. The only ing shores? As, owing to the in-thing Biddy captured from the mysclement state of the weather, I terious city was a curious-shaped could not get a favorable day to bottle, which contained a strange take a sail on it, up to the time of liquid, something like sulphur, and writing. I shall have to content my- which our heroine always kept as a self here with making an extract trophy of her adventure. from lnglis, a well-known writer, who explored the charming lake minutely. He writes: "I hired a boat at Sligo, and ascended the from peat is attracting much attention river through a succession of beauti- in Massachusetts, a State which has ful scenery to the demesne of Harle. Immense peat beds in its southeastern wood, the property of Mr. Wynne, corner. Great deposits of peat are she This is a very lovely spot; the views where on this continent where seal is of the lake from a hundred points

tion of laws, wood and shubbery, Address of Congratulation and Devo-

taste and art have taken ample advantage of the gifts of nature. Finer evergreens I never saw in the most southern counties. The laurels and bays-grown into great treesrivaled, if they did not surpass those of Wookstock or Curraghmore; and here again I found the arbutus, not indeed quite equal to the arbutus of One day a fine Cathedral—the Killarney, but not greatly its Interi-

ere enchanting; and in the disposi-

the scenery, the day was wild-be-imagined. She was dazzled as she laundresses, one of them being new-ful storm, which threatened to unroof the house. The moon and stars If Lough Gill be so impressively overhead were blurred out, a horror beautiful from one of the hill tops in of wrath and darkness overspread

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ROME ITALY.

On December 25rd Cardinal Monaco la Vallesta, Dean of the Sacred ing address of devotion and congratulation to Leo XIII :--"Most Holy Father-On the occa-

sion of the approaching Christmas

festivities I renew, on behalf of the

Sacred College of Cardinals, the congratulations and good wishes exthe words of Washington Irving, made for itself. Lough Gill is occasions, and I rejoice that while awake from the time they rise in of beauty will bear comparison with the affectionate veneration of the the morning till they go to bed at any lake in Ireland. Its scenery is faithful toward. Your august person night. But every hollow seems not stupendous-scarcely even any- declines not, but grows only the nollow. To the west is the bay and ceedingly. Its boundaries are not ing spectacle is presented by the the low coast-line, marked by many mountains, but bills of sufficient multiplication of prayers to God on white spots in the shape of home elevation to form a bold and strik-behalf of Your Holiness which to breakers of a raging sea in its wild-varieties and contrasts at once, all hope of extinguishing the Christian est moments, and to the north its islands, with twenty-three of name by his death, the Church Castlegal range, with its breaks, its which it is adorned. Church Island prayed meantime without latergeological faults and rugged crest, and Cottage Island are exceedingly mission to God. And we all know whose sides resemble gigantic or beautiful and contain ancient ruins." how the prayer of those true begans. Not far off you see the Lough Gill has a legend. What lievers found hearing with God. Tosmoothly rounded, flat-topped, le- would a beautiful lake be without a day the Sacred College, which, placed gend and tradition-encircled Knock-legend? It is this: It has been so around the Apostolic Throne, has the Queen, as some would have it lady—the Fairy Queen of the place—tation of praying, expresses its ferthat was ever built on it, we are Gilla was her name. She is said prayer may acced day by day to the told, was a calin of sepulchral men-sometimes to appear, skimming the presence of God, so that the Divine that on a particular bright, still, accept these our wishes and to grant clear day its towers and houses may he she Apostolic Benediction." To yet be distinctly traced to the eye. | this address which the Cardinal Dean One fellow, blessed with more proi- bresented or bahaif of all his colific powers of imagination than the leagues Leo XIII. replied as follows: rest, goes so far as to declare that -The Christmas solemnity always per cent. of the Commissioners some of its chimneys. Another the feast of that twefable mystery legend says that's pretty mountain which brought place and salvation to the human family. Peace and salvation, most presious advantages of which man feels over more the need, Beauty Reposing in Solitude! There from before her, and, like the mirage and to which he cannot reach except it lies calm, still, lovely, like fra of the desert, when she thought she through the grace giving of the Man God. Wherefere, in the innumerable wose wherewith the Church is tried and the world aritated. It is all-important that the prayers of men should be offered more and more to His divine mercy, which uncataingly beatows benefits. On which account, my Lord Cardinal, it is most grateful to Us that in presenting the good wimhes of the It would take a poet to do justice to twin stars. "Oh!" says Biddy to Sacred College you should have ful in continually imploring from might be seen in any country-not harm." The beauty and magnific Heaven fresh help and fresh consolations for the Church and its Head in itself. To add to the wild beauty of thing. Biddy had ever seen or their endeavor to secure the peace and safety of the world. We recently availed Ourself of various special prayers. This We did at the solemnity of Pentacost, and again for cloud threatened, and, as there was in white robes, who were officiating the mouth sacred to Our Lady of the Rosary; and We dealt more particularly with the same important matter in the Apostolic Letter to the illustrious British mation. Our words and exhortations, favored by God, were everywhere successful. We believe that We can recognize one chief effect in the revival and increasing vigor of Catholic feeling and of Catholic action which have become apparent in many nations to the benefit of their most emential interests. Nor do We look for a les happy fruit from Our carnest ondeavore to bring about the return of dissenting Christians to Cathelic unity. Assuredly this work requires singular tenacity of purpose and united atrength of conviction so inveterate, so deep-rooted, and so eradicated. But what may not be effected in human plans and human events by persevering prayers to plous prayer produce even prodigious holding it in her hand. fruits both in ancient and recent time? Unhappily it is a cruel bitterness to see the world corrupted with price and misbelief, daring to charm containing from 10,000 to 18,000 des pies and underrate this supernatural order of things, to see implous sects united to crush out the seeds of religion and of piety in

man is never so apparent as when

rendering Him the b vice and gratitude, and begging His clemency and protection. It was always a beautiful sight to sen brinces and peoples offering public supplication to God to week His ald both for lofty enterprises and in the hour of great calamities. Against the perversion which We deplore, a lofty protest is raised not only by the authority of the Divine commands. but by the dictates of reason itself and by the voice of the heart, an instinct which was formerly accepted by the most cultivated Gentile nations Ohe God of goodness, of how much does the present age stand in need of Thy blessing!

"It is right, therefore, my Lord Cardinal, that the most sweet grace of the Saviour should be invoked with special fervor during these blessed days. May He. Who is the splendor of Eternal Truth, the Sun of Justice, and the Prince of Peace. dulga to fulfil the bupes of all for the spreading of His Kingdom on earth and the true prosperity of the peoples who glory in His august

"And to make return to the Sacrad College for the feelings and affectionate good wishes which it has expressed to Us. We beg from the Saviour the fulness of His heavenly gifts, and as a pledge of the same gifu We give the Apostolic Biccing with effusion of heart to the Bishops,

the Prelates, and to all here present. Mgr. Cassetts, the new Vicarerent of Rome, held a large ordination in the Basilica of St. John Lateran recently, at which the Bova Patrick Crosty, O.S.A., and Alp houses M'Grath C.S.A., of St. Pat rick's were ordained pricets, and the Her. Thomas Cowman, G.S.A., was erdained descou of the Community St. Clement's, the Box. Stenie lans M. Horan, O.P. (Belfact), was erdained priest; the Raw James Hegarty (Kinsale), deacon; and the Ber. Humbert M'Inerney, Co. Clare, Vincent Casey, Dublin, and Reson O'Mahowey, Traice, were ordained au b-deacons. o

Many people took the Anagui incident seriously, and thought a successful issue would be arrived at The enquiry was made, and pines declared that the Guvernment was The obvious conclusion is that in Italy a Ministerial Depoty may be asked to resign by sol-disant repressutatives of the Government cand may be offered Governates a poste and Government pensions galore in exchange for the resignation of his rank to the socretary of the Premier. and-here the marvel increases-the Government may, may must be, beld to be irresponsible.

PATRICK HYAN.

AN HONEST MINISTER.

A Protestant clergyman in Kansas City, in the course of a recent Sunday sermon, said that the only churches the world had any need of were the Catholic churches. 'Outholic churches," said be, "should be maintained, and exempted from taxation, because they are the refuges of the poor, and the hospitable inns of the weak, the suffering and the destitute of the world."

The clergyman is correct, and, like many other conscientious Protestants whose eyes have been opened to the real observator of the Church through the vindictive at tacks of the A. P. A., he is honorable and brave enough to give voice to his bonest convictions. The A. P. A. have over-reached themselves in their wild fury to down the Cast olio Church. Their felse observe acainst her has caused thinking mise to investigate her character, and they find her O.K. These mee, and their name is legion, would reper have thought of looking into her doctrine, had it not been for the attacks of the A. P. A. Out of evil cometh good.

One of the most extraordinary individual superstitions of the present time is that of an Italian marchimes who carties about with her a bottle in which numerous are the prejudices to be is imprisoned an insect of the sort called a "multiplied"-a wood worm with many feet. This lady, who is not considered insane by those who know her, never does anything involving God accompanied by faith? Did not risk without taking out this bottle and

> Illinois makes the claim that in the cars she will be the greatest choic and ducing State on the continent. Or trees have been planted in the ern part of the State, and are said to be coming on in fine shape.

Students of Bowdoin Online bay young hearts, of which they profess started a co-operative store. All the to wish the education im civil and odds and ends of the daily ne moral virtues. But the dignerty of emplents will be bought.

Payne, and T. H. Hickoy, and many oth ers. Nearly all of the periablomers tures out to show their love and seteem in offer ing up their prayers in behalf of their lat and beloved parter.

Mrs. Meisch and two daughters, Misso Molly and Barberg, of Barnard's Crossing attended mass here last Sunday. The marriage of Wm. Terry and James

Veiden was announced here last Sunday & the second time. There was a very emjoyable social party held at the residence of Mr. K. Thorpe last

Thursday evening, in bosor of their newly wedded slaughter and husband, bir. and Mrs. Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Besity, on their arri-

val home from their wedding trip, received many kind and happy prectings.

Mr. Thomas Kelly, who has made a home with one of his beloved daughters. Mis. Thomas Neary, is now one of the oldest residents of this town, having naised the rine old age of ninety-five years bright and active, and retaining all his fac ulties. It is the wish of his many filend that he may live to celebrate his one bun. dredth birthday.

The Young Mens' Social club of this place will hold their annual ball at the Rushville Mrs. G. Durin, of Page Van. guest of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Comlast week.

Mrs. William Rowley to

Miss Arras