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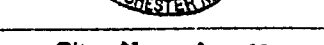
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IRISH HISTORY.

An excellent article on Irish History
written by D. I. Murphy appeared in
a recent issue of the Catholic Calen-
dar. We republish it entire as a re-
minder of by gone days to those who
are loudly crying for an Anglo-Saxon
union:

"For centuries before England
emerged from the darkness of barbar-
ism Ireland held an exalted place
among the nations. Before the Saxon
had overrun Britain, before the
Frank had crossed the Rhine, Ire-
land was dispensing the blessings of an
enlightened civilization. She witnessed
the Gaul, the Carthaginian, the
Egyptian and Briton bend their necks
to the yoke of Rome.

Even before the dawn of the Chris-
tian era the Irish were among the most
enlightened of peoples, and their in-
stitutions of learning were famed
throughout the then known world.
When St. Patrick began his mission-
ary labors the Irish flocked around
him eager to drink in his words of
truth.

What an inspiring scene, when be-
fore the High King and all his court
at Tara, the great Apostle presented
himself to preach the gospel of Christ!
Father Burke of sainted memory,
paints the picture in vivid colors.
"They received him," said the gifted
Dominican, "as became a civilized
and enlightened people. They did
not stand in a wild hubbub of barbar-
ism to denounce the truth as soon as
they heard it and put the truth teller
to death, but they * * * disputed
with Patrick; they brought the keen
weapons of human wisdom and human
intellect to bear against the sword
which he wielded."

The King, the chieftains, the bards
and the minstrels, the people, eagerly
embraced the faith that St. Patrick
preached to them. And this conver-
sion of Ireland, let it be remembered,
took place a thousand years before
Columbus sailed over trackless seas to
find a new world.

For nearly three centuries after St.
Patrick's advent the Irish people lived
in the sunlight of God's countenance,
at peace with themselves and the
world. Then came the invader to
despoil her churches and monasteries,
to devastate her fair provinces; but
Irish valor prevailed, and there fol-
lowed a long reign of tranquility,
which was only broken by the on-
slaught of the Scandinavian hordes.
Ireland's fields and valleys were
scenes of strife for three blood-stained
centuries, but in the providence of
God, the mighty chief, Brian Boroi-
ghne, was raised up to deliver his
people. Under his leadership the
Danes were driven from place to place,
and on the crimsoned field of Clontarf
he routed them completely and sent
them speeding to the coast. But,
alas! after Brian's death there settled
down the long night of Ireland's sor-
row—a night that seems to have no
ending. The horrors of civil war,
the bitterest of all, were waged against
each other, and the people were

divided the Irish people, brought to
their shores the English legions of
Henry the Second. Then began the
awful history of English oppression—
of English cruelty—then began the
reign of brutal injustice and deadly
persecution. What the Dane and the
Norman and the Saxon could not ac-
complish, the English obtained by
base duplicity and overpowering force.

Centuries have passed since then,
but the hand of the oppressor has
never been lifted from poor Ireland.
Her people have passed through wars
and pestilence and famine but amid
the gloom and the shadows—in
scenes that might well appal the
stoutest hearts—through outrage and
persecution, her children have ever
exhibited their shining virtues—
faith, constancy and fortitude.

As each anniversary of Ireland's
patron saint rolls around, where will
you find an Irishman, or the son of an
Irishman, whose heart does not beat
in affectionate sympathy with the land
beyond the sea? Tom Moore's lines
are truly expressive:

"Wert thou all that I wish thee,
Great, glorious and free,
First flower of the earth
And first gem of the sea;
I might hail thee with prouder,
With happier brow,
But, oh! could I love thee,
More deeply than now."

The story of Ireland's suffering and
of her glory is told in her valleys and
her hillsides, sanctified by the blood
of her martyrs and her heroes.

Other nations have left their history
on the printed page, but Erin has
written her epic on her verdant fields
and green-clad mountains, on the ivy-
grown ruins of her abbeys and in the
undying memory of her sons upon a
thousand battlefields.

Ireland's glory does not dwell alone
with sage or warrior, for she breathed
into her sons and daughters the spirit
of an exalted poetry. The sweet
melodies of Tom Moore have rendered
the aspects of the Irish landscape in
lines that are immortal. The magic
of her lakes, her lofty mountains, her
smiling valleys have been pictured
in phrases that are a part of the
world's treasury of beauty.

Irish melodies are a part of the life
of her people, they are sung in the
halls of the rich, by the ploughboy in
the field, they are heard in the smithy,
they are crooned by the mother to her
babe, and the lover softly whispers
them in the ear of his beloved. This
is one of Ireland's imperishable glories
—one of her noblest legacies.

Her children are exiles, but where-
ever they have gone they have carried
with them a love of truth and liberty,
and they have left their impress on
the history of every land. On the
field of battle, in the halls of legislation,
on the bench, in the world of letters
and in the learned professions they
have won honor and fame.

Deep in the heart of every one in
whom pulses the warm Irish blood
there is the longing hope that the
night of Ireland's sorrow may soon
pass away, and that the blessed sun of
freedom may again shine upon her.

"The nations have fallen,
And still thou art young,
Thy star is but rising,
While others have set;
And, though slavery's cloud
O'er thy morning hath hung,
The full noon of freedom
Shall beam round thee yet."

The swiftness of the angel of death
left no time for repentance for Bob
Ingersoll.

LET US UNITE.

Why do not our Catholic men,
women and children read Catholic
papers, books or magazines. Is it
because they think that they would
learn something about their holy
religion or to be instructed in the
right and proper manner? If a Cath-
olic family pays a dollar a year for a
paper, they think it is a fortune. Let
us be united as Catholic people and
patronize our Catholic writers and
publishers and subscribe for THE
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A CATHOLIC.

REPUBLICAN ORTHODOXISM.

EDITOR CATHOLIC JOURNAL:
When a prominent American of the
stamp of Senator Foraker, of Ohio,
has anything to say on current sub-
jects of the day, he is listened to with
special attention and interest by peo-
ple of almost every state in the union.
In the course of a speech, which he
delivered the other day, he took oc-
casion to criticize in a very adverse
form our present republican admini-

stration. The criticism in full,
amounted to a strong condemnation
of the policy of President McKinley.
In his remarks on McKinley's past
term "benevolent assimilation," he
said in part:—

"What is more pathetic and at the
same time more magnificent than the
sight recently witnessed at Manila,
when the half-civilized and more than
half-naked insurgents of Aguinaldo,
armed with only bows and arrows and
long spears undertook to stand before
Krag-Jorgensen rifles and the thir-
teen inch guns of 'civilization and
benevolent assimilation.'"

The above short quotation, from the
honorable gentleman from Ohio, needs
no explanatory comment for he has
the assurance of the reading public
that he knows whereof he speaks.
When he the most popular individual
of Ohio so expresses himself on the
question of the Philippine war, one
can guess of the public opinion of
that state—McKinley's home—re-
garding the policy of Dictator Hanna
and President McKinley! Thus far,
the writer has refrained from criticism
of his party in power, resting on the
hope that the republican leaders would
come to the sense of duty by falling
back into the lines or wisdom of
Abraham Lincoln or James G. Blaine.

Otherwise, criticism heretofore might
have seemed of the "snappish judg-
ment." As the republican adminis-
tration is so strongly affiliated with
"American cause of 'imperialism'"
it must expect a vast number of the
German and Irish-Americans to drop
out of the republican ranks. In fact
the party has divested itself of that
great characteristic—true American-
ism—that one is at loss to know what
degree of "short sightedness" it will
drift in 1900.

In the administration of McKinley
there have been no Egans nor Ryans
appointed as ministers to foreign
countries as in the days of Blaine.
By the way the party has become
quite pro-"Anglo-Saxon" to the satis-
faction of a few of its aristocratic
leaders regardless of the vast number
who brought Mr. McKinley into the
presidential chair. That matter
probably will be given some considera-
tion immediately before the campaign
of 1900. By that time the minds of
many hundreds of thousands will have
changed in the direction of the party
of William Jennings Bryan—a man
who is not afraid to proclaim himself
in a loud tone in favor of the wisdom
of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln.

Moreover, Mr. Bryan heartily de-
clares we have not outgrown the con-
stitution. The adherents of "im-
perialism" and "expansion" proclaim
the contrary! The war debt through
the Philippines, imperialism the mo-
tive, "Anglo-Saxon supremacy" and
the "Gold Bug" agitation are issues
the republican party will have to face
in the next presidential campaign.
Moreover, it will have to make good
the deliberate insult it has offered the
Catholics of this country when the
members of the Porto Rico commis-
sion took upon themselves the "task"
of abolishing two sacraments of our
Holy Mother the Church. The two
sacraments they wish to tamper with
are the vows of celibacy of the
Catholic clergy and the marriage vow.
The members of the commission
showed their extreme ignorance in
not knowing that the celibacy of the
clergy is a matter of the conscience
and not a force put law of any govern-
ment. The introduction of the
"Divorce Freedom" is also a course
introduced by the "pull" of "Protest-
ant Christianity!"

No wonder, we Catholics feel in-
dignant at that party that has lost its
past record of true Americanism in
the death of James G. Blaine. Let
its baker's dozen of Anglo-Saxon
leaders bring it to victory in 1900 if
it can. The only feature of redemp-
tion for that party is—to stop the di-
honorable war on the Philippines and
resume the sound policy of minding
our own business.

In a nut shell I can make the
declaration this wise:—Were the
Philippines a Protestant people, long
ago they would have been given their
own desired form of government.
Moreover, Dewey would never have
fired on Manila, as the Philippines
were our strong allies in our war with
Spain.

What a picture of inconsistency the
Republican party have created!
H. O'C.

WATKINS, N. Y.

BOOK NOTES.

"Our Monthly Devotions" is the
title of a new book by Very Rev.
Dean Albert A. Lings. For the
month of August the reverend writer
says: We may during this month
take up the devotion to the Holy
Ghost.

This devotion to the Holy Spirit
should be the chief of all devotions,
because it was the first that was ever
celebrated, and that by no less devout
worshippers than the holy apostles and
the most holy Mary in the upper
room at Jerusalem. It is one which
is growing in the hearts of the people,
because so much depends for our
sanctification on the influence of the
graces bestowed on us by God the
Holy Ghost. Faith teaches us that

the Holy Ghost is the love which the
Father and the Son bear to one
another; and therefore the gift of
love which the Lord infuses into our
souls, and which is the greatest of all
gifts, is attributed to the Holy Ghost.
St. Paul says, "The charity of God
is poured forth in our hearts by the
Holy Ghost, Who is given to us"—
Rom. v. 5

The Holy Ghost, Who proceedeth
from the Father and the Son is called a
fire, because His action in our souls
purifies us from sin and fills us with
divine love. As the action of fire
may be said to be irresistible, it is
right that the Holy Ghost be repre-
sented by that symbol, since He was
to give spirit and wisdom to Christians,
which all their adversaries should not
be able to resist or gainsay.

If we observe the commandments
of God, the Holy Spirit will abide
with us to enlighten our minds and
strengthen our wills, and give us
grace to follow Jesus Christ. The
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THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL.—Tenth Sunday after
Pentecost—St. Luke xviii. 9-14.—At
that time: "To some who trusted in
themselves and despised others Jesus
spoke this parable: Two men went
up into the temple to pray: the one a
Pharisee and the other a publican. The
Pharisee standing prayed thus with
himself: O God! I give thee thanks
that I am not as the rest of
men: extortioners, unjust, adulterers,
as also is this publican. I fast twice
in a week; I give tithes of all that I
possess. And the publican, standing
afar off, would not so much as lift
up his eyes toward heaven, but struck
his breast, saying: O God! be merciful
to me a sinner! I say to you
that man went down into his house
justified rather than the other; he
cause every one that exalteth himself
shall be humbled: and he that
humbleth himself shall be exalted."

What are we to learn from this?
We should learn to avoid the vice
of pride and not to confide in our own
good qualities, if we have any, in
order not to become like the Pharisee,
an object of aversion to God. To
avoid this vice, let us bear in mind
that the proud man is odious to heaven
and earth, and that God, as St. Peter
says, resists the proud and covers them
with confusion, as he did Lucifer, the
sons of Babel, Holofernes, and many
others.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, July 30.—Tenth Sunday after
Pentecost—Gospel, St. Luke xviii. 9-14.—
Abdon and Sennen, martyrs.
Monday, July 31.—St. Ignatius Loyola,
confessor.
Tuesday, August 1.—St. Peter's Chains.
Wednesday, August 2.—St. Alphonsus Li-
guori, doctor.
Thursday, August 3.—Finding St. Stephen's
Relics.
Friday, August 4.—St. Dominic, confessor.
Saturday, August 5.—St. Afra and Comp.
martyrs.

FORTY HOURS' ADORATION.

The order of Forty Hours states
that the devotions will take place as
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lean.

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This world is yours, this world is mine.
This world was made for us all,
The rich and the poor, the high and the low
All live on this great round ball.
How little we think when we're walking along
That this world is moving along,
It is going and going, it was always going,
When it will stop we don't know.

The King on his throne is whirling around,
Although he sits quietly there,
Talking and writing and signing his laws
While the world is going round in the air.
And poor weary Wraggles that is tramping
all day,
At night rests his head on the ground,
How little he knows when in sweet repose
That this world is taking him around.
Oh! thus we are going while time is flying,
Bringing us, where can it be?
Some day we will rest where our Lord thinks
best,
In the land of Eternity.
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CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Transpiring in the Different
Fraternities

Hibernian Rifles.

The company met at headquarters
on Tuesday evening as usual, and after
the drill received two communications
inviting the organization to take part
in two events, one the eleventh reunion
of the A. O. H. at Glen Haven on
August 15th, and the other from the
Street Industrial Fair and Carnival
given by the Elks. Both of those
invitations were cordially received and
the company has decided to help both
the A. O. H. and Elks as far as is in
their power to make both events a
success not only by parading but by
all other means at their command, and
invite all other Hibernians to join in
and make a good showing for a good
cause. There is no reason but the
reunion of Divisions will be a
grand success if all the other organi-
zations join the movement with the
same enthusiasm as the rifles.

The appointment by the arrange-
ment committee of Lieutenant John
Cullen and Sergeant M. J. Connors
on the sports for the picnic, gives the
company a good representation and
comrades who are well qualified for
the work allotted to them, and meets
with the hearty approval of all the
members. President C. J. Dolan
having won the first prize given by
the Bauch & Lomb Co. for the best
suggestion, invited the members to the
Ampeur where refreshments were
served, and the comrades congratulated
the president on his success of
having won as the only Hibernian in
1200 employees to carry off the
honors. Yet he only does what an
Irishman should have, first place or
none.

THE C. M. B. A. PICNIC.

The C. M. B. A. held a successful
picnic at Sea Breeze Tuesday. Fully
5,000 people went down to the bay
resort and took possession. Athletic
events without number were run off
without a hitch and at the conclusion
of the sports the large crowd present
repaired to the pavilion, where able
speeches were made by Rev. M. J.
Hargather, James M. Whalen, Grand
Secretary Edward Ryan of Syracuse,
Chairman Charles P. Mead, and
Hon. Charles B. Ernst. A ball
game of five innings between the
Corpus Christi church nine and a
picked nine of west siders was played
during the afternoon which resulted in
a score of 8 to 5 in favor of the west
siders.

John C. Koesterer was chairman
and John P. Keating, secretary of
the arrangement committee, and
William H. McDonald was chairman
and Joseph Englert secretary of the
committee on sports.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

Supreme President Henry J. Fries,
of Erie, Pa., of the order of Knights
of St. John, has appointed Colonel H.
T. Rush, of Evansville, Ind., chair-
man of a committee provided for at
the convention of the order in Cleve-
land last month, to devise plans for
the formation of a federation of all the
Catholic societies in the United States.
The project contemplates the gather-
ing into one national organization
1,500,000 members of Catholic so-
cieties with \$45,000,000 in their
treasuries.

Major John P. Smith, of the First
regiment, department of the state of
New York, has been consulted in the
matter by Chairman Rush.

The local regiment will hold field
day exercises at Glen Haven on
August 23rd. The review will be by
Supreme President Fries.

Colonel John P. Smith of the
Knights of St. John has been ap-
pointed military examiner for this
state and also state organizer for New
York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and
Rhode Island.

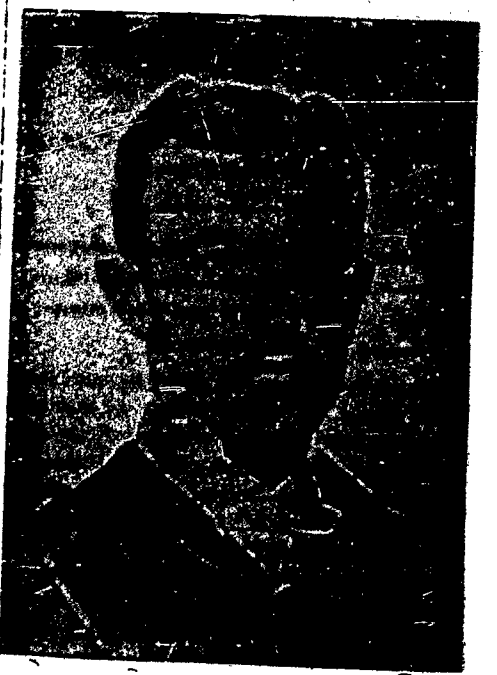
ENJOYED TROLLEY RIDE.

The Ladies' Auxiliary 44, Knights
of St. John, of St. Peter and Paul's
church, chartered cars Wednesday
evening and took a pleasant ride to
Glen Haven, spending a very pleasant
evening there. A number of the
knights of St. John Commandery, 28,
accompanied the ladies. The com-
mittee in charge of the affair was as
follows: Mrs. George V. Myers, Mrs.
Herman Springer and Miss K. A.
Smith.

Thomas Maloy died at his late
residence in Carrollton, N. Y., on July
19. He was buried from St. Joseph's
church in Albion. The deceased was
70 years of age. He leaves besides
his wife eight children. He was a
member of Branch 161, L. C. B. A. The
funeral offerings were numerous and
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