### CALLANAN, THE POET

SANG OF THE BEAUTIES OF HIS BE-LOVED COUNTRY.

Efforts of the British to Crush Out the Literary Life of Ireland-Halls of Learning Demolished and Bards Persecuted.

Perhaps there is no other country in and inspiring themes for poetic fancy Dublin. as Ireland. It has been happily called the "Cinderella of nations." While poetry and the fine arts were flourishing He Had a Deep Admiration For Irish in other countries she was scourged and gagged by her rulers lest the indignant voice of her bards should burst forth to thrill her downtrodden children. A nation's defeat or a nation's glory sways the poet more than the soldier, for he yearns to sing of her while struggling against oppression, to sympathize in her woe or rejoice in her

Ossian was the Homer of Ireland. and his wild legends of the heroic exploits of the ancient inhabitants are yet preserved in mystic legends through the highlands of our country. When a price was set on the head of an Irish priest, he had to resort to the caves and the mountains to celebrate his religious ceremonies. The ancient bard did not fare better. He, too, had to fly to avoid the persecuting edicts of English rulers.

Ireland fell, but instead of being consoled in her desolation by the songs of her bards she was crowned with ignorance and persecution. Her halls of learning were demolished or defiled by the soldiers of her invaders, who destroyed her bardic orders, burned her historical records and wrote her bloody kistory with the torch and the sword.

Thus it happened that the true poetry Ireland was preserved in old manuzripts and legendary lore among the humblest of her children. But the true death of Ethelred. existocracy of Ireland was driven from their baronial halls to find safety in her made a temporary truce with the mountain fastnesses or, in the express- Danes which held good for five years, we words of an old English chronicler. When he fitted out a fleet and beat the by the scum of Strongbow's hordes and the enemy landed in such overwhelm-Cromwell's muriferers. Those wished ing numbers that Alfred was compelled to obliterate all records of their bloody to seek safety in flight. He landed in



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reign and usurpation, but the spirit that has so long warred against them preserved the only national heritage left-that is, the poetry of a nation's wrongs and sufferings.

It is thus that Ireland's poetry and her history are to be found not so much in her written records as in stray ballads and legends and in the manuscripts of her banished monks.

Jeremiah Joseph Callanan was born in Cork in the year 1795. While a schoolboy he had acquired some reputation by writing for the local journals and current periodicals of the day. The poetic fire could not be controlled by college discipline, and the combat between his natural inclinations and a sense of duty preyed on his naturally delicate constitution. After two years in Maynooth he quitted it.

In 1820 we find him studying with the intention of going to the bar. He devoted much of his time while in Trinity to poetry and contributed largely to the Dublin magazines and jour-

After two years' trial he also remounced his prospects of getting admitted to the legal profession and returned to Cork, where he got an appointment as tutor in Dr. Maginn's school. Through Dr. Maginn's introduction he became a contributor to Blackwood's Magazine. He also wrote for several periodicals. He was of a romantic turn and spent most of his time rambling through the country, picking up the floating ballads and legends. Some of these he translated from the old Gaelic language, and others he wove into his own composition. He died in Lisbon, Spain, 1829.

Sale of am Old Estate.

Mount Shannon estate, three miles from Limerick, on the road to Castleconnell, has been purchased by Mr. Nevin, an Australian, all the details of the sale having been completed fol- art of service. No grief, no loss, no lowing the disentailing of the property stern discipline, no dreary failure, no by the surviving relatives of the Fitz | misery of death, but shall one day find stbbon family, says The Irish World. Its compensation in that great fitness ant earl of Clare, who contributed to out in us.

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the passing of the act of union of the Irish and English legislatures a century ago. The mansion has been tenanted by members of the family, its last tenant being Lady Louisa Fitzgib MOTHER SEATON'S DEVOTION TO bon, but who was not in residence there for some years before she recently died as the Marchioness de la Rocelin. All the furniture, paintings and art Which Comprises a Sketch of Her Lite treasures of Mount Shannon were disposed of by public auction a few years who Were Note Heretic, she Weuld Be a ago, the oil painting of the first Lord | Saint. the world so prolific in bardic legends | Clare going to the National gallery in

# ALFRED THE GREAT.

Civilisation, This great ruler was the fifth and youngest son of Ethelwolf, king of the West Saxons, and he came to his father's throne in time to be driven out of his country by the Danes, says The Irish World. In his fifth year young Alfred had been sent to Rome, where, according to the old Saxon chronicler, Pope Leo IX "consecrated him king." Three of his brothers occupied the



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throne in succession, however, before Alfred was declared king upon the

Alfred was then 22 years of age. He "to h -1 or to Connaught," to be replaced | invaders in several sea fights. Finally Ireland where he was given a hospita ble reception. During his stay in Ireland Alfred mastered the whole system of Irish jurisprudence and learned to play upon the harp with such masterly skill that he was enabled to enter | house door, knowing that a whole the camp of the Danes disguised as a wandering minstrel, where he obtained | could enter it again, and alle calls to their confidence and acquainted himself with their plans.

These he communicated to his countrymen and inspired them with such courage that they drove the Danes from the country. Alfred had a deep admiration for Irish civilization, and he turned his knowledge of Irish laws to practical account in his own kingdom. He established industries, brought order out of chaos and gave civilization such a firm footing in England that it earned him the title of Great. He set the English at the construction of war vessels such as he had seen in Ireland and organized a militia force.

Upon the plan of the psalter of Tara in Ireland he began a regular record of English history, customs and laws, the continuation of which was afterward named the "Doomsday Book." He adopted the plan of measuring time which he saw in Irish monasteriesnamely, burning wax tapers in which pegs were stuck at regular intervalsbut he improved the device by inclosing it in a case of thin horn, glass then being unknown in England. From this came lanthorn—lantern.

Trial by jury was one of the good things which he introduced from Irish jurisprudence. He acknowledged his indebtedness to Ireland in the matter of education in a poem which was called "Alfred's Itinerary." The poet Clarence Mangan made a literal translation of the poem, as follows:

IRELAND UNDER IRISH RULE. I found in Innisfail the fair In Ireland, while in exile there. Women of worth, both grave and gay men, Many clerics and many laymen.

I traveled its truthful provinces round, And in every one of the five I found, Alike in church and in palace hall. Abundant apparel and food for all.

Gold and silver I found and money. Plenty of wheat and plenty of honey; I found God's people rich in pity, Found many a feast and many a city.

I found strict morals in age and youth; The things I sing of in verse unsmooth. I found them all-I have written sooth.

### SHORT SERMONS.

The sores sin leaves never heal unless Christ be our physician.

The servant of God draws spiritual honey from all he hears, sees or reads, as the bee extracts from every flower the sweets it carries to the hive.

We should not only break the teeth of malice by forgiveness, but pluck out the sting by forgetfulness. To store our memories with a sense of injuries is to fill that chest with rusty iron which was made for refined gold.

We are here apprentices to learn the Mount Shannon was the home of John, for service which it shall have wrought

#### A TOUCHING LIFE

EARTHLY OBJECTS OF LOVE-

From Her Birth August 28th 1774-41f

Last week, in the sketch of Mr. Dupont's Life, a passing allusion was made to Mother Seton, as one of the saints whose life was hidden in the Sacred Heart of our Lord, and this week, we have quoted her touching analysis of earthly life, viz.:—"A journey in which nothing-whether it be painful or pleasing—is worthy of notice, but the blue sky and the al-

The life of this sweet woman, is a most beautiful illustration of that great and soul-satisfying promise uttered by Jesus on the mount, nineteen hundred years aro—"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst, after justice, for they shall be filled." She was born in New York city on the 28th of August, 1774, that is to say, about two years before the declaration of American Independence. Her father was Dr. Richard Bayley a distinguished physician of that period. Her mother -the daughter of an Episcopal clergyman-died when little Eliza was scarcely three years old, and the child thus gave to her father the undivided love of her heart-a love so strong and tender that it cheered his soul up to the very last moment of his life. From her earliest youth she was characterized by strong religious tendencies. Although a strict Protestant, she always wore a small crucifix around her neck and used constantly to express the wonder that this sacred symbol was not "more generally kept in view." When she was twenty, she became the wife of Mr. William Seton, a wealthy Protestant merchant whose youth had been spent in the city of Leghorn, Italy. To this apparently insignificant fact, and likewise that of the friendship he had formed while living there with the Messrs. Filicchi-prominent merchants of Leghorn-Mrs. Seton was,

unden God's Providence, indebted for her conversion to the true faith. All her life she had kent the thought of God in her heart. In a letter written many years after to a friend, she speaks of the reluctance with which she used to pass out of the meeting week would have to go by before she mind the ridicule to which she was subjected, in trying to satisfy her thirst for communion, by running around to all the Protestant churches she knew of in order to partake of the "Lord's Supper" as they called it, as often as possible!

in the course of a few years, Mrs. Seton became the mother of five children: Anna, William, Richard, Katherine and Rebecca. To get the slightest idea of what a beautiful. loving mother she was, one must read her journal and the charming letters she wrote to these children of her heart in absence.

In the ninth year of her marriage, her husband's health began to fail noticeably and a sea-voyage was ordered by the physicians. So leaving her other four children in the care of relations, Mrs. Seton accompanied by her eldest daughter (then eight years old) went with her husband in his search for health, to the shores of Italy. Arriving at Leghorn after a most trying voyage, spent in nursing both her sick husband and suffering child, they were prevented from landing, and kept in a sort of prison, in strict quarantine on account of a fear that the ship might be infected with yellow fever. After some days they were allowed to go, and with her husband and child, Mrs. Seton was conveyed in Mr. Filicchi's carriage to Pisa. Here his suffering became so intense that at the end of seven days -days of real agony to his tender, affectionate wife—death released him and Mrs. Seton was left "a widow amongst strangers in a foreign land." But her beautiful faith in God and conformity to His blessed will was so great, that the Italians speaking of her among themselves used to say: "If she were not a heretic, she would

be a saint!" Now, as you may suppose, Mr. Filicchi and his family did their best to enlighten Mrs. Seton on the subject of the one true faith. They introduced her to the famous Irish priest-Father Plunkett, who did his best likewise to open the eyes of her soul; but so secure did she feel in the faith of her childhood and that of her beloved father, that at first the had no misgivings as to her position. Gradnally however, she began to doubt the good faith of the Protestant minister who had, up to this time, been her only spiritual adviser. Noticing that the Filicchi family fasted during Lent and spent the greater part of their time doing penance for their sins, she called to mind the unsatisfying in: :pretation of the phrase "We turn to Thee in fasting, weeping and mourning" in the service for Ash-Wednesday, which had been delivered by the clergyman and listened to by the congregation "after a hearty breakfast of buckwheat cakes and coffee." But the time had come for her to return to her

thee had better come with man"

Catholic Church satisfied the yearnings of her soul and yet she couldn't schievements of our own century. persuade herself whether it was the true Church or not. After a textible struggie, she finally made up her mind in this wise: "As the strictest Protestant allows salvation to a good Catholic, to the Catholics I will go, and try to be a good one." Persecutios followed, of course. At that time Catholics in New York, were considered the "offscourings of the people,

and public nuisances." What a "good" Catholic she became, the world knows. She lived from that time on like any saint of old. She founded the order of the "Sisters of St. Joseph" or as it is now known, "The Emmitsburg Sisters of Charity," which has a membership at the present time, of something like 900 Sisters. All who knew Mother Seton agree that she was remarkably fascinating, and singularly gifted both as to mind and heart and soul. She was the tenderest of mothers to the children of her own flesh and blood two of whom were with her when she became a nun. The darling of Mother Seton's heart-her baby Rebecca,died in the convent at Saint Joseph's Valley, some months afterwards. The account of this dear child's last days is touchingly given in Mother Seton's Journal. "I do not look," said my little darling, "to being left in the grave, and you all turning home without me! I took high up. " Then she said good-bye to those around her but when it came to saying it to her beloved mother, "her\_little heart failed her" writes Mother Seton, "and she hid herself in my bosom."

So greatly was this devoted woman loved and revered for her great virtues that when she died, on January 4th, 1821, in the 47th year of her age, she was followed to the grave amid the tears and lamentations of the whole comunity, and to-day, her devoted children are praying for her

May God hasten the day when the name of the valiant woman shall be placed in the calendar of American saints!-Catholic Transcript

## A JUST REBUKE.

Decent Protestants, who did not fall under the spell of the Methodist Episcopal orators at the New York Convention, says the Catholic Transcript, are little disposed to take part in the applause which was so generously vociferated. Here is the protest of one of them: "To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: Permit me to express through yohr columns the mortification of myself and many other Protestants at the un-Christian attack of yet emphatically, protest against any Bishop Goodsell and the Rev. Dr. unjust discrimination mane smallest Drees upon the Church of Rome at the themselves or their religion. That Methodist missionary meeting . . such discrimination exists it is absurd Those of us who have worked side by to deny, and faithless is he to faith side in charity and reform with the and to conscience who would persuade Catholic workers know what good us to the contrary. It is our duty to work that Church is doing, and can- stand fearlessly before the fair-maindnot help feeling angry at this discour- ed American people, and conscious of tesy and injustice from our side, the rectitude of our purpose, to strive There is sad need of all of us doing by all lawful means to secure for our the best we know how, whatever our co-religionists, whether of high or religion may be, without maliciously lowly stations, the rights guaranteed of Frenches been professional attacking an organization that is pa- to them under the constitution of our tiently and efficiently working to well-beloved country. This is the make men better. Vanity for our de- only rational way in which the after nominations is not love of Christ, thousand members of the National Bishop Goodsell and Dr. Drees will Union can have their influence fel have to have better motives behind and their just claims respectfully listheir work if they wish to retain the tened to. Above and before all else respect of their followers." The Transcript has always maintained iness of their purpose, by the intivio that the Christianity of the Protest- ual integrity of their lives that their ant pew is frequently of a much high- religion is a mighty factor for good er type than that of the pulpit. The and for all things that tend to the perversion of right order is doing yeoman service for the Catholic Church.

PROTESTANT DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART.

Some are tempted to think lightly of the devotion to the Sacred Heart, as something that is only suited for wo men and children and that it is not for them. They are mistaken; it is exactly suited to them, and if they will only stop, and take a little time they will find it is exactly what they flicions; it will give them strength lings. and courage to do their work well: it will hold them up when they are de- tive on the part of our young men in spondent, and will turn their sor- winning the affectionate esteem of rows into joy. In a word it will those not of the household of talling change their whole life, and make it must have in it a bearing heart full really and truly a genuine Christian of sympathy and love for all. Dut life. When they practice it, their vis- above all things else it must have in ion will be cleared and they will see it that which will make them apright. the right thing to do, and will be giv- honest and pure. The new century en the grace to do it. By this devotion soon to begin opens to us the bright they will be enabled to save their est possibilities for good, and may a own souls, and to help save the souls kind providence direct us in the fuof their relatives and friends. Strive ture as in the past, and help us and to make the devotion to the Sacred keep ever before our eyes the inspir-Heart a part of your lives, and from ingomotto of our Union. Good and Our this time forward learn to use it daily. Neighbor." Go to the Sacred Heart when tempted. when discouraged or sorrowful. and relief will always be had. Record

ing with tears, the grave of her be now about to close. The statement is must be applied to the souls in P loved husband, she sailed from Italy dismetrically opposed to fast During gators.

the nineterati century the Catholic . For a long time she was afficted Church had advanced more than 20. with the deepest doubt and anxiety as 000,000 in numbers. At the opening to "where was truth," or rather "what of the century she had no missionaries was truth." Her various friends of working among the heathen. To-day different Protestant denominations she has upwards of 60.000 men strove to get her to enter their dif- preaching to un-Christianized people ferent communions. "Betsy," said a while the number of religious women dear old Quaker friend, "I tell thee, who are giving their lives to the same great cause, is known to God slone. But "Betsy" was in that state when The outlook for the coming century is she couldn't decide anything. The one to inspire confidence; yet there is no reason to repine over the

Cardinal Gibbons and a distinguished company of clergymen and members of the French Embassy at Washington, were entertained the other day by Admiral Richard, commanding the French squadron which has been visiting Baltimore port for several weeks. His Eminence was honored with a salute of seventeen guns on departing from the admiral's flag

The Very Rev. Freri, D. C. L., for merly missionary in Arizons. been appointed director-general of the Association for the Propagation of the Falth.

Catholic Young Men's National Union

Office of the President, 44 E. 119th St New York, Nov. 21, To the Members of the Amiliated Societies of the Catholic Young Men's National Union:

According to a sacred and long of tablished custom the Sunday within the Octave of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother, which falls this year December 9th, has been set saide as the National Communion Sunday, on which every menber of the Union is expected to approach the Holy Table. We are fully terms the half-heartedness of as persuaded that all loyal members of our organization will respect this obligation and fulfill this duty. It is a body on whom a very weights to day of days for us, on which by this sibility, both to their own public act of faith we show to the and before the tribunal of world the reality of our convictions, rests in this matter, and The Convention held recently in the Catholic Unionists of Ire Brooklyn was an inspiration and a of England. It had been a revelation. An inspiration to those tenos all through that the who took part in it, and a revelation Government would do Justice to outsiders who were astonished at lact, the only Government the the themes discussed so well.

It arrested the attention of our fel- hopes and been raised and low citizens, while its atirring residu- sion after session, but when tions echoed and re-echoed from one very strange was that there end of our land to the other. Its of no manly independent acts feet will be permanent and far-reach. Frant to show that they ing, but to have it accomplish its miss sion we ourselves must individually them. Their position was put into practice that which we so earnestly and enthusiastically mark- In Ireland they might so ed out as the work of our organization and enjoy Viceragal tion. To have their power left in these days the Catholic young men of the Nation must come down from their dignified retreats and come out upon the broad battlefield of human life and endeavor, and while ever ready and eager to unite with their fellow-citizens in all that tends to the common weal of our native land, they should at the same time respectfully however, they must show by the lottbetterment of the highest interests of the Nation.

If the world is presented with a Catholicity without loyalty to country, without a devoted; consistent adherence to conscience and to principle, herence to conscience and to principle, to Christmas. He will the world will have none of it. This his report of Church's will be the inevitable consequence if Philippines to the Holy 130 the mass of mankind may have lost is seered on the Nice their moral rectifude, they have not that His Biccellency will lost their common sense and their judgment of what is just and true, to investigate and study this devotion and it is a vain endeavor to ride our religion over the common sense of the need. It will help them in all their people of our country without a contrials, temptations, sorrows and at- sistent and loyal devotion to its teach-

The Catholicity that will be effec-

N. B .- A plenary indulgence under the usual conditions may be gained plan It has been asserted repeatedly, by all the rembers of the Union was since the opening of the year, that the Tacelve Holy Communion and above retime had come for her to return to her Catholic Church has sained little or quested. This being the Holy Year all "dearest ones" in America. So leav nothing during the century that is will indenstand that this induces.

CORPUS CHRUTE IN n five discrimental likely alone are Qatholic parts Cleases writing in Dezine of Catholicity in Jan DIL COLLETT COMMANDE the church at Teachburg Are avaided parishment ing in the proces teremony I shall never for thirty Japanese soulying of by the various somelities the nums, European and Japania loved by Iventy little Japania ranging from six to tem ye dressed in hims Kimono and oh, their heads shaven as all Japanese children, and their sar of jet black dangling on sither These little ones scattered sows the path of the Blessed Baser and marched and countermary a way superior to any I have: seen before. When we halted at first station for the incensing and chant 500 fervent Japanese Cathelle were on their knees on the gr And so too when we returned to church, Each native left his or slippers at the door and walke stocking feet to the proper place meta within. The congregate singing of the hymns by the Japa was excellent, not only on the cusion, but on others in which I part, and which I might describe

In the course of a very eloquen ture on the education quantion. stitute, Limerick, the Most Rev. O'Dwyer, after condemning in our public men on the Catholie !! versity question, said there was do us justice in stillectio treatment which has bee yery eraditable nor even a alon, but whenever the histo movement for Catholic came to be written, they a rather inglorious page.

had not already said two much;

Catholics on should-be Cath becoming inoculated with the of the atmosphere in which the The Mirror ways twenty-nine d cases are on the docket for Wilmington, Del., during the ber term of the Supreme Cont large proportion of Irish i found among the unhappy who seek relief in court fro which death alone can dissolva. Appointment has be Rev. Fred D. C. L. sonary in Arlsona. a of the Palk. For seve -jost law ju the Bosso Which posture he Mary's In Baltimore to NOW STOCK

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Archbishop Chapelle. Apostolie to the Philipp will, it is reported, are United States west De so to Rome is time to ly by the mark t

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