

FAMOUS NAMES
—IN—
IRISH HISTORY!

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(From the Western Watchman.)

The following eloquent Lecture was delivered by the Rev. Father BURKE, in Weisiger Hall, Louisville, Kentucky, previous to his departure for Europe :—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The subject on which I propose to address you this evening is the Famous Names in Ireland's History. But first of all let me remind you that next to their Religion the Irish are a people who are supposed to love their history. A history is the recall of a nation's life, and it is in their history that we find all the elements that form the national character. It is in the history that the blessings and future destinies of nations are found, and next to the grace of belonging to the true religion of Christ, comes the glory and pride which must fill the heart of every true man when he goes back and turns over the annals of his country's history, and finds those pages unstained and unspotted by treachery, treason or crime. (Applause.)

The history which he sees may be a recall of national misfortune, but yet free from the taint of national dishonor. France to-day is unfortunate, but what man on the face of the earth will have the hardihood to say that France is dishonored, and in the recall of the recent gigantic struggles, in your own country, are not friend and foe unanimous in declaring that