

were convicted and subsequently executed. The innocence of the Cormacks of the murder of Mr. Ellis was so generally known that His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Leahy, Archbishop of Cashel, joined in a petition to the Lord Lieutenant, requesting a commutation of their sentence. But the fiat had gone forth; terror should be stricken into Tipperary, and two innocent young men were immolated in order that her Gracious Majesty might live in peace and reign in security.

The scene of "The O'Donnells of Glen Cottage" has been laid in Tipperary, and the plot chiefly turns on the sufferings of the people during the famine years and the execution of the Cormacks. The characters introduced are each and all real personages, many of whom are living to-day. The names of some few of them have been slightly changed, but the majority of them come before our readers under their real names.

The pictures of the sufferings of the poor starved peasantry during the famine, the heartless evictions of Lord Clearall, the treacherous, unprincipled conduct of his agent, Mr. Ellis, and his sanctimonious protege, the Rev. Mr. Sly, are no fancy sketches. They are unfortunately true pictures of the state of Ireland at the time.