

'Princess Adoife would be proof to both,' said the youth.

'Be at the entrance of the convent to-morrow at noon and I will convince you of your mistake. She shall be subjected to the influence of beauty to-morrow; if that fails, gold shall be tried next day.'

"As the prince was sitting sadly enough on a stone before the gate at the hour appointed, he heard the sound of horns executing an enchanting melody, and beheld a mounted chief approaching, from whose jewel covered dress light flashed at every step of his steed. His face and form were those of a most beautiful and well formed youth, and his retinue wore the most costly clothing. As he passed the prince he said to him in the tones of yesterday's acquaintance, 'I am going to try the constancy of your adored princess. If you choose you may efer among my train.

"The prince endeavored to shout 'treachery!' at the sound of his voice, but an attendant touched him with a wand which left him powerless to move or speak. There he remained until the glittering youth came out again, rather humbled in demeanor this time.

'Beauty has failed for once,' said he. 'Gold must exert its power to-morrow.'

"When the train had passed out of sight the prince recovered his faculties.

"At a high point on the hill was an old stone cross, and near it was the issue of a spring, but the neighborhood was marshy, and the course of the little brook scarcely discernible with flaggers, and rushes, and shrubs encumbered the banks. As the prince mournfully sat and ruminated at the foot of the old cross, he at last fell asleep. During his slumber a beautiful form, clothed in white flowing robes, and her long hair encircled by a wreath of shamrocks, appeared to him.

'I am the Sighe,' said she, 'to whom the care of this stream is entrusted, and I wish that it should dance and sparkle in the bright sunshine, and the sound of its ripples and falls should come to the ears of man and woman. You can accomplish this for me, and punish the demon who seeks to turn Adoife from her duty by—'

"What followed seemed to be felt by his inward thoughts without meeting his ears.

"Next day, as he sat on the stone, there came by the handsome and richly clad youth, with slaves and horses laden with gold and precious stones, and behind and beside the treasures the same richly-dressed train which had been in

attendance the day before. This time the prince entered the court to witness the conference. The gold, and diamonds and pearls, had no more effect on the right-minded Adoife than the supernatural beauty of the wooer. He begged and prayed, but in vain, and he fell into such agitation that his tail escaped from under his sparkling tunic and began to lash about in fury. This was what the prince was waiting for. He flung his praying chaplet round it, and the demon gave such a spring as took him out over the court and on to the green hill side. He sped to the spring, but the shade of the stone cross was on it, and he dared not come near.

"Overcome by the power of the sacred taiman he flung himself down and rolled about in agony, tearing away the soil and stones, and flinging them far on each side. Thus he hurrowed, tore up and flung out earth and rocks for the entire length of the present gleb, when the prince, seeing no further impediment to the free course of the stream, relieved him of the torturing beads. When released he turned on his tormentor to tear him into pieces, but a glance at the chaplet sent him through the air faster than the stone hurled from a sling. The fairy had now the joy of seeing her stream soon increased to a goodly river, leaping from ledge to pool, and rejoicing in its course in the free air and sunshine. If the prince did not persuade Adoife to be his bride, she induced him to become a monk in the neighboring monastery. When God really calls, it is sinful not to obey."

One must never say, I will do such and such a thing because I wish to do it, but because I have reason to do it.

I will point out to you a terrible adversary to the country, a deadly enemy of the republic, of the empire, of royalty, and of all forms which public justice and authority can take amongst us: it is impiety.

Some have said that the Christian religion, by representing heaven to us as our true country, detaches us entirely from that in which we live on earth, and causes us to neglect the duties of society. This reproach is clearly false, since our religion teaches us that we can only reach heaven by fulfilling our duties to society and our country. Experience teaches us enough who are the truest patriots, those who believe in a God and in a future life, or materialists who believe neither in heaven nor hell.