What a beauteous, snow-white vision, Balmy with the breath of spring ! In its clust'ring olorous blossoms Hear the birds their ditties sing, Chattering with a glad abandon In their airy, flossy maze, Welcoming from the rising day-god Morning's brightest, blandest rays.

Oh, what memories fond are clinging Round its rustling leaves for me-Memories of the days of boyhood In a hamlet by the sea, Memories of a fond dead mother, Sweet and sad and joyous, rush O'er my spirit as I ponder By the blossoming hawthorn bush.

To my soul it whispers softly, Oh, how great and pure the love Of the Maker for His children, Oh, how fair the reaims above, When such shining, sheeny beauty Greeks the breezes' blithesome brush In the purple-tinted petals
Of the blossoming hawthorn bush.

SLIEVE-NA-MON, in Pilot. -St. Stephen, N.B., Feb. 20th.

AN IRISH POET.

A SKETCH OF CAELIUS SEDULIUS.

One of the Great Hymn Writers of Early Ages-A Name Great in Irish Annals.

IRELAND, so rich in gifted men and erudite scholars, may reckon among her illustrious sons the subject of the present paper. Though neither the exact place nor date of his birth can be determined. it is certain that Caelius Sedulius was an Irishman." On this point nearly all the writers whose opinion is worth reading agree, and the intrinsic evidences of his writings go far to confirm their testimony. Of the nine distinguished mer. who, according to the Venerable Colgan hore this name the author of the Carmen Pasebase has, undoubtedly, the widest reputation. Yet strange to say that this erier. erudite and gifted writer, so admired during the early ages of the Church, and recommended to the Christian schools by one of the Supreme Pontiffs, is less known in the land of his birth and boyhood them in any other part of Europe. Like many other gifted son of the He Isle, his nationality has been absorbed by his Catholicity, and his fame has long since become the property of the Universai Church to whose service he dedicated all the faculties of a great mind. The Church, always grateful for every service rendered, has faithfully preserved his memory and his name. The name, which in its Irish form was pronounced Starthul signifies a man of learning, one belonging to one of the learned professions. In the Irish language, S before I has the same sound as sh in English; the H is always an aspirate letter, so that the D in Similarl being thus aspirated is almost silent, making the proper promunciation of this name Shiul or Shiel. The clan Scadhul or Shiel, so numerous and respected in Antrin and West Meath, is said to have derived its name from the profession of medicine. to which that family was appointed in the reign of Cormac Mac Art. Later on in the history of Ireland, we find this intellectual family remarkable for proficiency in poetry, rhetoric, and elo-quence, sacred and profane; so, in reality, it was entitled to a surname indicative of the mind qualities possessed, and in every age from that remote period to our own time, there has been found members of this self-same family to sustain the high reputation of their progenitors for piety, learning, and eloquence. It is more than probable that the subject of this sketch after he left his own country to travel abroad in search of philosophy was called Gael Siadhul-the learned Irishman. This might easily and naturally enough be transformed into the present Latinized appellation, by changing the initial G into C, and adding to both the pranomen and congnomen the Latin termination ins. Whether this slight ename took place in Ireland, or on the continent of Europe, it is certain that the name Siadhui in Flow'd forth obedient in wine."

But Cana saw her glorious Lord Begin his Miracles divine; When water reddening at his word, Flow'd forth obedient in wine." it is certain that the name Siadhul in Ireland was invariably Latinized Sedulius whenever the bearer was dedicated

TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

in the Church. This change of name on receiving Holy Orders was not peculiar to the family, but common to a large number of the Ecclesia-ties of that time. and, in the monastic orders, the castom still obtains. Saint Fredolin, the son taken from his wof the hish King, who propagated the mentanal beauty. gospel in Bargundy and parts of Switzerland, was Latinized Fredolinus, and is known under this form in the records of the early Christian Missions, Stirl a greater change was made in the name writings of to of st. Seargal, or O'Fairel. This renowns theco gian. ed a issionary, who became a bishop in Bavaria, is best known by the terme of Virginias. He was the most learned man of his age and the intimate friend of Pepin and Pope Zachary. So we see that it was not minisual, but, in fact, quite the usage of those days to clothe Irish names—and an excellent divine, who left his own in the language of the Church. Yet—country in quest of learning." Among there always remained traces of their bis admirers are Libinatus, the ramons ancient Irish origin. According to most scholastic; Bulisarius, the rhetorician; accounts Sedulius left his native land Cassidorous, the innstrious statesman before the advent of St. Patrick. He and scholar; Fortunatus, St. G.eg ery or was, in all probability, one of those Tours Cardinal Bellarman, Pope Gelasi-Christian scholars, who, in search of us, and our own great, gifted, and resecular learning and a larger knowledge mowned Coumbanas. His admirers of the gospel, reached haly about the among modern writers are equally time St. Patrick was preparing to set out numerous and distinguished. Colgan, for the scene of his Apostolic labors. Usher, Harns, O'Sallivan, Migne, Dr. We are informed, on respectable author-Lannagan, and a host orothers award him ity, that Palladius, the predecessor of a place in the first rank of the ancient St. Patrick, was sent "ad scotes in Christian poets. Some of these very Christo credentes," to the Irish believing venerable authorities rank him after in Christ. Palladius, having failed in Prudentius, the inspired Spaniard whose his mission to Ireland, died on his way genius stands torth so prominently in the back to Rome, and it was only when the news of his death reached the Holy See, Indeed, there is nothing in pagan or that St. Patrick received Episcopal con- Christian verse that can surpass his lines secration. In company with the return- on the Holy Innocents, as contained in ing missionary were some "Christian the Morning Hymn."
Pingrims from Erin." Among these only Whether their estim

St. Kiaran is meritioned. By the advice not, it is beyond the shadow of doubt of St. Patrick he returned to Ireland imthat he stands very high among the giftmediately; and afterwards was made the ed and erudite men of the Church. first hiship of Ossory. The others then, Fortunatus, the poet-laureate who com-of lesser note, scattered throughout Italy. posed the Verilla Regis and Pange Lin-If the subject of the present paper was among this band, which is not at all unlikely, he devoted himself to the study good scholar, and a great patron of learn-This obtained for him a standing among the learned men of the empire; but, desirous of gaining more knowledge, he journeyed into Greece where, charmed by the simple piety and erudition of tion of Macedonius, Sedulius delivered unction and eloquence. Here, in the shadow of the historic Arcadian cliffs. the principal work of the great

POET, ORATOR, AND DIVINE. The copy before me is divided into five books. The first book treats of the most remarkable events contained in the Old Testament, while the four others set forth in glowing verse the Incarnation, life and miracles of Christ who is considered the true Pasch. Thus the poem derives its name. It is dedicated "to his beloved father in Christ, the holy priest, Macedonius." At the instance of the latter, he wrote a prose copy of this work which, in contradistinction to the poem, is called the Opes Paschale. This work has been frequently published, and is also contained in the Corpus Patacam Latinorum, Opera-Christiana, and Bibliothesa Patrick Maxima. From this renowned author two of the very best hymns in the Reman Breviary have been selected. The one which is read in the Lands of the teast of Christmas is abecodarian in its construction, the first line beginning with A and every succeeding states with the next letter in alphabetica.

The following true ation, by Caswell, while it does not convey to the mind of the reads all the beauty of the original is a very close and faithful rendering of The text:

From the far blazing rates of Morn 1 coarth's remotest shore, Let every togue confess to Hom Whom Holy Mary bore.

Left the great Maker of the world, Loring eternal years. To say his creatures, velid beneath A creature's form appears.

A spotless Maiden's Virgin breast With heavinly grace he fills; In her pure womb he is conceived, And there in secret dwells

That bosom, chastity's sweet home Becomes, oh, blest reward? The strine of heavin's immortal King, The temple of the Lord.

And Mary hears the babe forefold By an archangel's voice; Whose presence made the Baptist leap, And in the womb rejoice.

A manger scantily strewn with hay Becomes the Eternal bed. And he who feeds each smallest bird Himself with milk is fed.

Straightway with joy the heavins are filled, The hosts angelic sing; And shepherds hasten to adore Their Shepherd and their King. The second other hymn referred to,

as said in the Divine Office, is that of the bedge of illustrious men has not heard of Vespers for the feast of the Epiphany, It a Shiel in our own age? Richard Lalor common rest

Crudelis Herodes Denm Regem venire quid timis

A translation will likely be of more interest to the general reader and for that reason we subjoin the follow-

" O Cruel Herod! why thus fear Thy King and God who come below? No earthly crown comes he totake, Who heavenly kingdoms may bestow.

The wiser Magisee the star, And follow as it leads before; By its pure ray they seek the light, And with their gifts the light adore.

Behold at length the heavenly Lamb Haptized in Jordan's sacred food; There consecrating by his touch Water to cleanse us in his blood.

Some of the most beautiful tributes to Divine Office and the Roman Missal are from the pen of this consummate poet, one pill a dose. Try them, who very trequently manifests his love and veneration of Mary with character "Wearing of the Green" Moves Victoria. The Constraint of Mary with character "Wearing of the Green" Moves Victoria. is the Inistricutions in sin. The Introit sind in the Votive Moss of the Virgin Mother taken from his writings is tub of senti-

"Sa ve saneta Parens, enixa parerpera Regem; our codum teramque regit." Tals and many other passages of similar purport are to be found throughout the writings of this early. Christian poet and

His works, particularly the Paschal Peem, were highly esteemed and praised by the greatest of his contemporaries. Tretianius, himself a man of brillmust pa is, ca. s this "Scot from Ireland" an Eminent poet, a brilliant rhetorician. majesty and fervor of his Latin lyries.

Whether their estimate be correct or

qua, places him in the same category with St. Jerome, St. Ambrose, and St.

Augustine. of the classic authors, as about three years later, in 435, we find the brilliant talents of the young Irishman attracting the notice of Theodosius the Second, the instruction and edification of the instruction and edification of the faithful was discussed, and among the society, opened the meeting with prayer the works recommended by the Roman and presided during the reading of the the works recommended by the Roman and presided during the reading of the dear goods which such money always annual reports.

We are on a perilous margin when we dear goods which such money always selves and see our fingers led with dull brings in its train. Then, too, he would ing. Sedulius, who was well versed in Pontiff himself were those of Sedulius annual reports. the language and literature of his native the Gael. These were the words in which land, acquired great proficiency in Greek the Holy Father praised the writings of

perusal of the faithful.

About the time of this Council, or very soon after it. the Roman Consul, Ruius lectures on poetry and rhetoric, and inferred from the preface of the editor, year, preached to the faithful of Christ with which says, Hoc Opus Sedulius dispersum. The Irish monks of Robio.

THAT FAMOUS MONASTERY

founded in the north of Italy by Saint Columbanus, carefully collected and multiplied the poems of their brilliant countryman, and the oldest manuscrip copy which is to be found in the Royal Academy of Turin contains this inserntion on the foreleat: Liber Sancti Columbiani de Robio-the Book of St. Columbianus of Robio. No. Irish patriot c. modern times has been more passionately fond of his native land, or prouder the fillustrious sons, than was this great souled about of Lux-Tan'l Rollin. Win, what glowing enthusiasm must the Lie C missionary have poured over this copy of his ravorite author, specially made to: nimself! He un loubted y leat a pariou. able pride in the race that coals raise's many monuments of learning and plety all aver Christian Europe in a shere space of time, for even at that early date he might more said, with more truth that

Quae regio in terris nostranon pena laboris " Sedulius is remarkable for fertility of immagination and wide rarge of themals and ardently a limited for the beauty atmajesty of his style. He was declared and designated a mastersmin lin average remarkable for men of literary excel one But he is by no means the only one of his name who lives in the glory of great works. A Sedulius who has been conorized was abbot of a menastery near the Lifley before the battle of Ciontari'; at other of this gut of family governed Lindachuil on the shores of the Ligan, as as late as 75%, and a third became distinguished as professor of philosophy in the treat University of Lismore in the county Waterford, On the 4th of May, 1654, a Father William Shiel, whose "great powers of oratory and devotion to Romanism made him dangerous to the interests of the Empire," was committed to prison under the barbarous statutes of the penal days. His only crime was that he was a man of brains and devoted to the self-same religion which his name-sake and countryman, Caelius Sedulius, preached in Greece and Italy just twelve centuries before.

And who that pretends to any know aid was a prodigy of tongues. facility for rhetorical composition surpassed that of all competitors. brilliancy of his imagination, the beauty and force of his rhetoric, made him the applauded and admired of orators wherever he went. He had a strong literary leaning. So pious was he when a box that his parents had him educated for the Church, and so devoted was he to his faith in after years that he stood, next to O'Connell, the champion of the Catho is cause. He inherited the genius and the spirit of his ancestors, giving one more ibustration of the fact that there is some thing in a name and that blood is bound

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one complaint, then Carler's Little Live our blessed Mother to be found in the Pills are a specific for sick headache, and St. Suphor: 1st vice-president, Hon. Letteral iteration for sick headache, and every woman should know this. Only

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The fifty-first annual meeting of the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society was held able to pay off his debt at once, but Tuesday evening March 31, in St. Patrick's otherwise his gain would be only in his Hail, St. Alexander street. Hon, Senator ability to pay his interest money in a Murphy presided. The Rev. J. A. cheaper currency. He would suffer, in McCallen, S.S., reverend president of the common with all others of the hardwho, though a poor ruler, was himself a the faithful was discussed, and among society, opened the meeting with prayer working class, from the inevitable evils

annual report, which gave in detail the and Latin. Soon after coming to the notice of Theodosius he composed a work which he dedicated to the Emperor. This obtained for him a standing among the learned men of the empire; but, desirons of graining more knowledge he capital standing amounts of the faithful standard of the capital sta much greater interest was being taken on that basis alone. In the end the farby the members. The series of social mer would find that his last condition meetings and free lectures which wer-Macedonius the Abbot, he joined the Asterius, collected all the writings of our held during the months of May, Septem-company of that holy man, and having poet and published them in a large volume ber. December and January, were all ber, December and January, were all completed his theological studies, he re- which he dedicated to the Pope who had largely attended and much appreciated ceived Holy Orders. Under the direct brought them into public favor. Sedulus by the friends of the society. Similar was then not very long dead, as may be meetings will be held during this coming

The rev. president alministered the in certas chartulas reliquit. This asso pielge of total abstinence to over 250 very naturally leads us to the conclusion person- 53 of whom received pledge while leading the life of a religious and that the venerable priest Sedulius return-teacher, it is supposed he wrote his best known work—Carnen Paschale. This is the tombs of the apostles, and died there. scripts of those works scattered around just as the author had left them. The trish monks of Robio changes were made on the committee of management during the year: Mr. P. Doyle resigned as chairman and was replaced by Mr. A. Brogan, N.P. Mr. F. Collins was elected assistant financial secretary and Mr. Thomas Markey assist int. marshal. The progrimage to Oka in July had proved successful, as also did the social celebration of the tifty-first anniver-ary of the society in January. The grand religious and the larger towns with good things—extoher in honor of the contenary of reading-rooms, parks, botanical gardens, the Rev. Fathew Mathew was dwer upon, and the suggestion was made that in ment. These are for the multitude, and uture the society celebrate this annivers to e multitude in Australia is unquestionry actionally in a suitable manner. The lab y becoming southern in its taste for Irich Cathode Temperance envention, excitement and amusements. For the which represents this and sisters cheties theh are music, the theatre, and clubs as and not been rive during the year. In expensive and almost as luxurious as x we inter a deputation waited upon the these of Pad Moll or Pie a filly. Fo Hen. M. Mer der at Quebec. A petition on the Teens equistion, drafted by the sevel in a pasticing was rangly signed at the various charefres, and was to warded

and day presented to the low Legislar Wiler is the resulton expansion, so perbreat is ast a sion. The deaths of not the applitudes of from, rail and the late Mr. Bernard Enerson and the late Mr. M. Ganagaer, is thou whom died the caties have acquired not only an exduring the year, was to singly and depited coss of population, but also a social and my from the safe's and facs tistherapy, but the members should nake every effort testife faither increashat should be taken to attain this absolution of talars seems artificial and not can was suggested, and if carried outcome, without grave dangers, but cariously insor fall to prove beneficial. Special ref. teresting, as houstrating new forms or cence was made to the devote hable and mational growth, possibly incidental to meriotic services remark the society extreme democratic development. The by its est med and be oved reverend concentration of population has enabled president, Rev. J. A. M. Carien, S.S., who the artisan class to secure unequal of pre-has been most untiring in his efforts to sent advantages, but there is justification

and other matters, and the report closed a sufficient agricultural population to by an expression of thanks on behalf of stay upon the land. The temper of the country is not favorable to the patient the special thanks of the secretary. The industry of the farm, with its remote respond was, on motion of Mr. A. Murtin, sults, and show accumulation. Within second by Mr. G. H. Ke'ly, adopted. the last few years the curious pheno-

Tiernay, was read. This report gave in jot a serious dearth of labor in country detail the receipts and expenditures for places, while in the towns masses of unthe year. Two claims for death benefits employed were besieging the government for the credit of the benefit fund works. Sent, sometimes at the govern-\$2,052,30; contingent fund: Balance on ment expense, to the rural districts, the hand at last report, \$55,79; receipts, "unemployed" soon drift back to the \$365,46; disbursements, \$361.97; since on hand and in bank, \$60.26. Mr. A. Brogan seconded by Mr. W. J. Keri. moved that the report be adopted. This was done.

The report of the financial secretary, adorted.

The report of the auditors, Mr. P. Doyle, M. A. Fyte and Mr. Wm. Selby. was presented, and showed that the books and accounts had been carguliy examined and found correct. The repost was adopted.

The election of officer-bearers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with. Messis, B. Tay'er, John Wa sh and J. J. Ryan is ing appointed scrutineers. They reported as to lows:

If there ever was a specific for any S.S. dy appointment of Rev. Surgicians in the Rev. Surgicians in the Rev. Surgicians in the second Senator Edward Murrly; 2nd vinequesideut, Mr. M. Sherkey i secretary, M., J. J. O'stiganti assistant secretary, Mr. Jac. A London correspondent bears a proty session as secretary. Mr. Frank Co. instruction, which has the advantage of being grant and shall, Mr James Mr. by take of A adv who ast season for the actibode were unanturensly research; since make no rac bearance in certain a session and another. Mr. Thes. Marsey. London drawing-rooms, and established the commutee is composed or desset, great success as a leaf of singer, was rost that Martin, Win, J., Kerr, James Con-August Teomina deal to be accompany and a total A. Progat, N.P., John W. Sa.

forward the interests of the society by mereising their ranks and advancing the as comess of the society.

At a subsequent meeding of the newly ce ed office-bearers. Mr. J. J. Costigan presiding, Mr. A. Bregan, N.P., was ejected yearn an- at chairman of the committee of management.

Cheap Money.

The people who would benefit at first oy a chauge to cheap money a e farmers and others who have property which is heavily mortgaged, and who would be ters relieved of a portion of their debt. The case of the farmer who has been to ced to morigage his farm is a peculiar band one. His condition has been growing werse and worse yearly, for many reasons, but chiefly because most of the tungs he has had to buy have been taxed.

while the chiefproducts of his farm have not. He has been forced to buy at the higher prices of a restricted home market, and to sell at the prices set in the unrestricted market of the world. A change to a cheaper form of money would give him relief, provided he were discover, in case he wished to procure was worse than his first, and that his every effort to gain relief through legislation which promised to make "money plenty" had the same result, namely, to put him more helplessly in the power of men whose chief business is to speculate in money.—Century Topics of the Time.

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The prevailing state socialism is filling manifold places of interest or amusethese of Pad Mail or Pictallity. Fo. the children of ad, eyed ent schools and miversities. So rich and poly adke erowd into the towns, which recomthere without becoming enowded, so most for the substrian residence. Thus politica dominance which is neither only a continental para lel can be found a ranks of the society. The means To an outside abserver the resulting conadvance the society in all its interests, for the view entertained by many Aus-Uniter his care and guidance the society tralians, that it will sap the foundations continues to increase in prosperity and of permanent presperity unless a check usefulness.

Reference was made to the finances force Australia is apparently how to get The report of the treasurer, Mr. James menon has occasionally presented itself

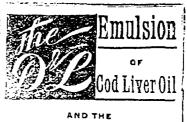
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