

difficult of lection, it was impossible to declare that it was long subsequent to St. Patrick's arrival in Ireland that any author whatever spoke of a Britannia in France, and that it was still longer, over 130 years, before any author spoke of a Britanniae in that country. Yet that most minute search has in more recent years been fully carried out. It not being certain, or rather the contradictory being almost as certain as most historical facts are, that any part of Gaul was called Britannia, and particularly Britanniae when St. Patrick was writing that he was born in Britain, it follows that to call him a native of France is not a tenable position; and so Dr. Lanigan's first argument not only fails to convince, but is further proved to be essentially unsound.

2. *Tabernia*, says the Dr., means *Taravanna*—a far-fetched derivation, I should say—and Taravanna from its position may be considered a suburb of Boulogne Sur Mer, otherwise Bonaven. As a matter of fact, Taravanna is fifty miles distant from Boulogne Sur Mer—too distant to fill the close relation evidently expressed in St. Patrick's writings as existing between Bonaven and Tabernia. There is another place, however, only thirty miles away from Boulogne, which second place is called Therouanne; and apparently the learned Dr. has confused one with the other. But can one easily convince oneself that Therouanne really is a corrupted form of Tabernia? And even if one can do so, one would need still to consider that thirty miles is not too far from a considerable town to locate a suburb. Mr. Cashel Hoey (*Essays on Religion and Literature*, pp. 119-120, apud. I. F. Record, 1899, p. 536,) while professedly defending Dr. Lanigan on other points, says that in this reference to Thernanne the Dr.'s opinion is "altogether incorrect." I submit that, unless the translation—spring or well—from the original language which I have already adduced, be admitted, there is no way of knowing directly from the old authors who used the word, what Tabernia is, or where it was situated, any more than there is of deciding on the same grounds, what Nempthur is or where it was situated. The word as written occurs nowhere outside of the earliest Patrician records; the