

Calendar for Oct. 1907.

MOON'S PHASES. New Moon 7d. 6h. 21m. a. m. First Quarter 14d. 6h. 21m. a. m. Full moon 21d. 5h. 16m. a. m. Last Quarter 29d. 3h. 52m. a. m.

Table with columns: Day of Week, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, High Water, Low Water. Rows for days of the month from 1st to 31st.

Guth Na Bladhna.

As our readers may remember, we have already had occasion to speak of the excellent work in the past few years by our Highland contemporary—Guth na Bladhna, which is at once a militant Catholic magazine and one of the ablest literary organs of the Gaelic movement.

An interest of a different kind attaches to another and more modern poem printed in the current Guth na Bladhna, to wit the "Oran a' Chreidimh," or "Song of the Faith." For the publication of this monument of Gaelic faith and piety affords a pleasing proof of the good work that is being done by our contemporary in bringing together the scattered children of the Gael, and in rescuing fragments of Gaelic literature.

It appears that "in the autumn number of Guth na Bladhna, 1905, Mr. Alexander MacRae, of New Zealand, asked for a song of which he gave a stanza." Remembering this request, Father McAdam, of Sydney, Canada, now writes to say, "I have been hearing snatches of this song all my life; but it was only the other day I met a lady, Mrs. McLeod, who claimed that she knew the whole of it. I send it to you as I got it from her. A Catholic editorial note adds that the poem was written by Iain MacDonnchaidh Mhic Cailin, a native of Ulster, who emigrated to Australia. Thus, this religious poem now rescued from oblivion is associated with the Catholic Gael in the Western Isles, in Canada, in New Zealand, and in Australia.

Another occupant of a throne whose English is entirely free from any foreign accent is the present Empress of Russia, whose bringing up, both at Darmstadt and in Great Britain, was almost wholly English. Her German always has been marred by a foreign accent, although she was born as a German Princess, and this lack of fluency in German was more than once prior to her marriage made the subject of criticism among her German relatives, and of public comment in the German press.

Of course it would be only natural if the Kaiser's German were to be marred by an English accent, seeing that he learned English before German. But this is not the case. His schooling was so entirely German that it eradicated any foreign accent in his German, and no one who has listened to his speeches will be disposed to deny that he possesses the most perfect mastery of the German tongue. His French is also perfect—a trifle too perfect; that is to say, it is too academic and too correct to be keeping with the language as it is spoken now-days in French society. This excessive academic correctness in talking French is a fault, if fault it can be called, that one only finds among foreigners.—Marquise de Fontenay

At the end of the eighteenth century there were at least five countries—namely: England, Prussia, the United States, Russia and Switzerland—using identically the same melody for their national anthem. It was Emperor Nicholas I., who in the middle of the nineteenth century, at the time Crimean War, decided to cast aside the national

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The Gaelic text of this genuine Ossianic ballad is taken from the collection made by Kennedy in 1774, (though it was only printed for the first time in the classic "Leabhar na Feinne," edited in 1872, by John Francis Campbell of Lyle. As the Annotator "C. M. P." points out, some portions of the old poem were introduced in a modified form in the "Dan Linnhair" included in Dr. John Smith's "Sean Dana." Of the last-named work, "C. M. P." observes, "It is morally certain that the poems were practically his own (i. e. Smith's) composition, notwithstanding that he says in the preface to "Sean Dana" that they were, for the most part, taken down from oral recitation."

With regard to Emperor William's English, the English newspapers are manifestly prompted either by prejudice or by gross ignorance in asserting that it is "inferior to King Edward's German." The fact of the matter is that the Kaiser's English is far more free from foreign accent than the King's. "This is due to the fact that it was his mother's tongue, and the one which he first learned to speak. The late Empress Frederick was passionately and devotedly attached to the land of her birth, and when she went to Germany as a bride she not only surrounded herself with English servants, and insisted upon exclusively English nurses for her children, but made a point of invariably speaking English, both to her husband and with her children, so as to insure a greater amount of privacy from the German curiosity and Bismarckian watchfulness by which she was surrounded. Prince Henry of Prussia, also speaks English extremely well, as do those who had the opportunity of making his acquaintance when in this country had occasion to observe, while as to the Kaiser's sisters, each one of them speaks English without the slightest trace of German accent, invariably using this language among themselves.

The most attractive English article in the number is the Rev. George Calder's account of Dòmhan Ban MacIntyre, the Bard of Glenorchy, though there are some striking observations in the historical paper on "Former Gaelic Movements." But, as is only natural, the best part of the journal must be sought in its Gaelic pages, the opening paper, "An Gaidheal an Canada," deals with Father Archibald Campbell's important mission to his countrymen in Canada. The Hon. R. Stuart Erskine, or to give him his true style and title, Ruaraidh MacUilleim Arasoin is Mhair, continues his historical papers on Queen Mary, under the unflattering title "A 'Bhan Rìgh Neo-Bifeòdach." And "Fionn" contributes an interesting and instructive study on the origin of some of the old Gaelic proverbs, "Mar a dh' Eil eirich cuid de pa Sean-Fhocail." It is to be hoped that the writer may be able to fulfill his conditional promise of dealing with other old sayings in a future number.—Rev. W. H. Kent, in The Tablet.

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