

DENIS FLORENCE MCCARTHY

A SKETCH OF THE FAMOUS IRISH POET.

Dublin-Glasnevin-Scenes Familiar to the Bard-A Beautiful Pen Picture by a Friend of the "True Witness."

(Continued.)

Pointing with his forefinger to this stone, the guide remarked, "the grave of Denis Florence McCarthy, a poet, and a good one, I'm told." Here, under the shadow of the yew tree, lay the ashes of him who, in the days long since fled, had penned the sweet wail lyric that came to me as a breath of fresh air amid the arid sands of Irish Episcopal pretensions.

He used to come here often, said the guide, and in the summer evenings pass many an hour here. One day he said to me, as we stood by a grave not far from here, the grave of poor Mangan, "My friends are all dead, my hopes blighted," and then, laughing, "I am ready, grave digger."

In order to understand the meaning of "hopes blighted" and "friends dead," a cursory sketch of the poet is necessary. Unfortunately biographical matter, so abundant in the case of most Irish writers, is here wanting. The meagre sketch prefixed to his collected poems, published after his death and edited by his son, gives no adequate idea of the writings and personality of the author of Summer Longings.

From this sketch we learn that Denis Florence McCarthy was born in Dublin of a respectable family May 26th, 1817. The site of his birth is now occupied by a famous Dublin hostelry, the Imperial Hotel. Born in slavery, for the position of the Irish Catholics prior to the passing of the Emancipation Act could be no possible latitude be considered as anything else, his young mind was fed on those stirring tales of the battles fought by his sires in behalf of their conquered land and persecuted faith.

Born in the shadow of the dawn of a brighter day, a day that was to be one of deliverance for millions of his tortured countrymen, and educated amid the memories of a cruel past, one might have expected great things from McCarthy. What a propitious time for a poet's birth? Old methods had been destroyed, a maimed nation taking on new life, germs and slaves becoming conscious of that noble word Liberty, and yearning to be worthy of its sacred mantle.

Genius is born amid crumbling ruins. The transition period in a nation's destiny holds her cradle and swings it to the lullaby of progress. The Emancipation and its period, not devoid of graceful singers, was wanting in a singer who could have crystallized in his songs the expiring gasp of slavery and the faint young cry of freedom.

That the Irish bard had that something within which kindles flame-like at the breath of Love, or mounts into song in the presence of Beauty, no reader of his sweet lyrics will be called upon to deny, but there are more essential requisites than these in the formation of a great poet. It were idle to speak of the Irish bard as possessing them. He was a sweet minor singer, some of whose lyrics will live and nothing more.

Living as he did in the most exciting and romantic period of his country's history, he was unable to use the rich materials strewn thickly around him. In the collected edition of his poems we look in vain for a single lyric that breathes the martial spirit of Davis, and yet they lived in the same journal. It must not be thought that McCarthy loved his land than the ardent spirits that were his companions in arms, on the contrary few men loved Ireland as the author of Summer Longings. Scattered through his writings, up and down, does one catch glimpses of this love. In one of his lyrics, his companion to Summer Longings, after drawing a picture of the beauties of southern Europe, he hesitates and proclaims his own little island more than their peer.

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was a student at Trinity College, lasted down to his death, which took place at Blacknock, near Dublin, on April 7th, 1882.

"My father's admiration of Shelly was of long standing," writes his son. It must have pained such a nature as his to have heard his loved poet called a "shrinking creature who had said or sung nothing worth a serious man being at the trouble of remembering," as Carlyle told him at Gavan Duffy's dinner table.

We are informed by Duffy that he was in great wrath, but controlled himself out of respect for the laws of hospitality. From Shelly he had learned to woo the spirit of beauty, and some of his minor lyrics might have been written by the English poet, so rich are they in fancy and language. Although the most of McCarthy's life was spent on the Continent, his heart was ever longing for the land of his birth. Spain, Italy, France, had charms for the poet, but they were of a passing nature. A letter or a piece of clover concealed in it from Erin brought tears to his eyes, recalled his wandering heart to her first love. A friend, mindful of the poet's patriotism, sends him a shamrock, and in return receives a copy of verses that has moved many another exile. Irishmen, as a rule, are not noted for hearts "immovably fixed by memory's pencil." Few of them, far from the land that bore them, on the feast of their national saint, could behold that chosen "leaf of bard and chief," and not bless the poet for greeting it in words that move to tears.

Enchanter, with thy wand of power, Thou makest the past be present still; The emerald lawn—the lime-leaved bower—The circling shores—the hills: The grass in winter's wintry hours, By dewy daisies dimpled o'er; Half-fading wealth in their trembling flowers, The shamrock of the Irish shore!

And thus, where'er my footsteps stray'd, By queasily Florence, kindly home—By Padua's long and lone arcade—By Spezzia's fatal waters that kissed My poet's sailing calmly o'er!

I saw the palm tree stand aloof, Ironic 'twixt the sand and sea; I saw upon the treasured roof Outspreads the wine that was to be; A giant-flowered and glorious tree; I saw the tall magnolia soar; But there, even there, I longed for thee, Poor shamrock of the Irish shore!

How on the ramparts of Boulogne, As lately by the lonely Rance, At evening, as I watch the sun, I look across the Can this be France, Not a lion's cliffs, how near they be, It seems to love to linger o'er; But glides, by a remote sea, The shamrock of the Irish shore!

I'm with him on that wholesome climate—That fruitful soil, that verdurous sod—When hearts are grieved by what crime Have still a simple faith in God; Hearts that in pleasure and in pain, The more they're trod rebound the more. Not a lion's cliffs, how near they be, It seems to love to linger o'er; But glides, by a remote sea, The shamrock of the Irish shore!

Memorial of my native land, True emblem of my land and race—Thy small and tender leaves expand, Hailfully in their native place. Thou makest me a stranger here, and I, A wanderer, find my truest rest; Thou dost draw round, kind sunshine o'er; Transplanted, thou'rt the nearest weed, O shamrock of the Irish shore!

Here on the tawny fields of France, Or in the rank, red English clay, Thou showest a stranger here, and I, A wanderer, find my truest rest; Thou dost draw round, kind sunshine o'er; Transplanted, thou'rt the nearest weed, O shamrock of the Irish shore!

Struggling, and yet for strife unmeet, True type of trustful love thou art; Thou'rt the whole year at my feet, To live and die, my heart. One day of festal pride to lie Upon the loved one's heart—what more! Upon the loved one's heart to die, O shamrock of the Irish shore!

And shall I not return thy love? And shall I not, as thou shouldst be, Punctuate thy son's proud heart above The red rose or the fleur-de-lis? Yes, from these heights the waters beat, A river to press thy dust once more, And lie for ever at thy feet, O shamrock of the Irish shore!

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Be, of all my friends, the best and dearest, O my Counselor, sincere and true, Let Thy voice sound always first and nearest, Mother, tell me what to do!

In Thy guidance tranquilly reposing, Now I face my toils and cares anew, All through life and till its awful closing, Mother, tell me what to do!

Choice Bits of Literature. To be happy at home is the ultimate result of all ambition, the end to which every enterprise and labor tends, and of which every desire prompts the prosecution.

The Catholic church has, from the beginning, cherished and preserved the Holy Scriptures with most vigilant and zealous care. The saints of God have manifested their love for it with every token of veneration. St. Charles Borromeo never read it except with head bare, and upon his knees. Edmund of Canterbury kissed the page whenever he opened the Book, and kissed it again when he closed it. In this way the saints of the Church have revered the Holy Scriptures.

The rose that waves upon its tree, In life sheds perfume all around; More sweet the perfumations from the Of roses trampled on the ground. -Father Ryan.

The quality of mercy is not strained—It droppeth, as the gentle rain from heaven, Upon the place beneath; it is twice blessed; It blesses him that showers it, and him that receives it; 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes The throne monarch better than his crown; His sceptre shows the force of temporal power, The attribute to awe and majesty, Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings; But mercy is above this scepter'd sway—It is enthroned in the heart of kings; It is an attribute of God himself; And earthly power doth then show likest God's When mercy seasons justice. -The Merchant of Venice.

What to Teach a Daughter. Teach her that not only must she love her father and mother, but honor them in word and deed, says a writer in the Ladies' Home Journal. That work is worthy always when it is well done.

That the value of money is just the good it will do in life, but she ought to know and appreciate this value. That the man who wishes to marry her is the man who tells her so and is willing to work for her, and not the one who whispers silly love speeches and forgets that men cease to be men when they have no object in life.

That her best confidant is always her mother, and that no one sympathizes with her in her pleasures and joys as you do. That unless she shows courtesy to others she need never expect it from them, and that the best answer to rudeness is being blind to it.

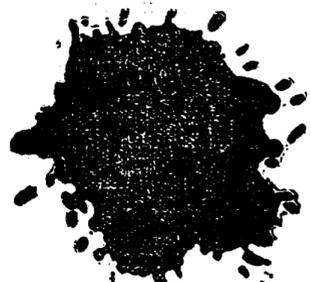
That when God make her body he intended that it should be clothed properly and modestly, and when she neglects herself she is insulting Him who made her. Teach her to think well before she says no or yes, but to mean it when she does. Teach her that her own room is her nest, and that to make it sweet and attractive is a duty as well as a pleasure.

Household Hovvites. Fish may be scaled easier by first dipping them into boiling water for a minute. Clear boiling water will remove tea stain; pour the water through the strainer and thus prevent its spreading. Cream Cookies.—One egg, one cup of sugar, one cup of sour cream, one half nutmeg, one teaspoonful soda, flour sufficient to roll. Sprinkle with sugar, buck quick.

A Delicous Tartare Sauce.—One-half pint French mayonnaise, one-half cup best cider vinegar, one tablespoonful capers chopped fine, six small cucumber pickles chopped fine, a little garlic or onion chopped fine. Mix all together.—Ladies' Home Journal. A very toothsome preparation of cold potatoes is to slice them in thick slices or cut them in long quarters, dip them in melted butter that has been salted and peppered; then dip them in flour and bake them in the oven for ten or fifteen minutes. A hot oven is required.—Boston Budget.

The Summer School. Last week we expressed the hope that one of the Thousand Islands would be chosen as the spot for the proposed summer school for Catholics. It is therefore with great pleasure that we find the following in a morning contemporary. Several of the Catholic clergy of this city have received communications from the secretary of the proposed Summer School committee, in New York, asking their opinion in the matter and what the prospects are of Montreal clergymen taking their short vacation at the school during the summer months.

The Summer school idea originated in New York, the prime movers being the Rev. Fathers McCorry and McMan. The site chosen in the Thousand Islands, is at Carlton Island, in the Thousand Islands. The object of the society is to obtain the services of the clergy of the various islands, and to the convenience of the Canadian clergymen, a large number of whom will recuperate there during the warm months.



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