

The History of Erin's Music Tells the Story of Ireland.

Into the texture of the fabric of Irish history is woven with colors of once bright and dun. It symbolizes Erin's power, it typifies her misery. Its proud music exulting and majestically in the halls of Al-lech and Tara, its hearse-like strains told in saddest numbers the ruin of castle and cabin, of chieftain and clansman, of country and prosperity.

The harp was evolved by primitive man from the tightly-strung bow, "when by accident the stretched string emitted a musical sound on being plucked by the hunter. From one string to three strings was an easy transition, and the form of the hunter's bow was retained."

Foreign writers have constantly shown that the highly-developed arts of Pagan Ireland bear a wonderful similarity to those of Egypt. Whether the Egyptians came direct to Ireland, or the Irish to Egypt, or whether the Phoenician colony on the western coast line of Ireland were the bearers of this skill and culture there is no certain means of knowing.

When a truth is expressed in beautiful words, its repetition seldom palls. Reciting of the words of Montalembert will be no act of garrulity: "There is nothing in his legend more poetic than the meeting between St. Patrick and the Irish bards, who formed a hereditary and sacerdotal class. Among them he found his most faithful disciples. Oslan himself, the blind Homer of Ireland, allowed himself to be converted by him, and Patrick listened in his turn as he sang the long epic of Celtic kings and heroes. Harmony was not established between the two without being preceded by some storms. Patrick threatened with hell the profane warriors whose glory Ossian vaunted, and the bard replied to the apostles: "If thy God were in hell, my heroes would draw him from it."

"When once blessed and transformed," says an old author, "the songs of the bards became so sweet that the angels of God leant down from heaven to listen to them; and this explains the reason why the harp of the bards has continued the symbol and emblazonry of Catholic Ireland."

"Giraldus Cambrensis (as late as 1190) tells of the bishops and abbots "who travelled about with their harps," utilizing their instrumental powers as means of gaining converts. During the seventeenth century, as many entries in the Annals of Ulster prove, the cruit, the clairsheach, the timpan, as also the fidil were very popular.

An Irish saga of the same date gives a very interesting account of the dress of these important minstrels, the harpers: "Gray winding cloaks, with brooches of gold, circles of pearls round their heads, rings of gold around their thumbs, torques of gold around their ears, torques of silver around their throats.

The Irish harp was known throughout broad Europe from the sixth century far into the heart of mediæval days, for wherever the Gaelic scholars, teachers, monks and warriors went there also went their harps

and harpers. Wales received its musical instruments and not a little of its musical culture from Ireland and Irishmen, and the Scottish kings honored Irish bards and harpers in their courts and palaces. Nor were they unknown in European courts. For Charlemagne, at least, had his Irish harpers. There is mention of them in French, German and Flemish records from the twelfth to the sixteenth century. When the first crusade was preached by Peter the Hermit the Irish Gaels and Sean Ghalls, chiefs and clansmen went in large numbers to aid in winning back the Holy Land from the Saracens.

Quaint old Fuller, the English writer, says, "the consort of Christendom could have made no music if the Irish harp had been wanting." Lion service to the cause of French freedom was done by Philip the Irish harper, and his harp was faithfully honored at the annual requiem mass sung in his memory for over 500 years in the churches of Cherbourg. This talismanic revolutionists, in their mad fury, destroyed in the year 1789.

Vincenzo Galilei, the renowned Italian author, who gives Dante as his authority, declares: "This most ancient instrument was brought to us from Ireland, as Dante says, where they are excellently made and in great numbers, the inhabitants of that island having practiced on it for many and many a century. Nay, they place it in the arms of the kingdom, and paint it on their public buildings, and stamp it on their coinage, giving as a reason their being descendants from the royal prophet, David. The harps which these people use are considerably larger than the Irish harps and have generally the strings of brass, and a few of steel for the highest notes, as in the clavicord. The musicians who perform on it keep the nails of their fingers long, forming them with care in the shape of the quills which strike the strings of the spinet."

The harp entered very largely into the social life of Ireland. "The soft lay of love and the light note of gladness" found its chords subtle exponents. The most famous story of Mediæval Europe, "Tristram and Isolt," was often chanted to the strains of the harp. It was meet that it should be so. Tristram, whilst visiting the King of Dublin, recreated himself, delighted the house (for great was his skill upon the harp), and fell in love with La Belle Isold, the King's daughter, and she with him. "In process of time," says the old romance, "the Queen arranged a marriage for her with Mark, King of Cornwall, and Tristram lauded the virtues and great beauty of La Belle Isold to his royal master. He brought her to Mark, who celebrated his marriage with great joy and solemnity. But the old secret between Tristram and her had taken such impression in both, and so inflamed their hearts, that it could not easily be quenched; so in process of time Mark espied it, and in his furious jealousy slew him as he played upon the harp to recreate La Belle Isold; and thus, as his, love began with the harp, so it ended with the harp."

The love story of Eileen O'Connell and Carrol O'Daly, a famous Irish harper of the fourteenth century, had a happier ending. On the eve of her intended wedding to a rival lover, Carroll O'Daly, disguised as a minstrel, so captivated Eileen with his skill that she eloped with him the same night. The song, "Eibhlin a Ruin," preserves the memory of his passionate love. Until the fall of the Clan Ireland the harp was often employed to capture the mysterious elusive thing known as a woman's heart. No gathering of Gaels, whether for business, war, or pleasure, was complete without the harper's presence. So potent was the harper's power in rousing the patriotism of the clan that England massacred them without mercy.—New York Daily News.

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TRUTH WILL OUT.

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MARTIN LUTHER

Taught and Defended the Doctrine of Immaculate Conception 100 Years After His Apostasy.

(From The Messenger.) Some of our Protestant contemporaries may feel surprised when they learn that Martin Luther taught and defended the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1627 Luther published at Wittenberg a book of sermons entitled "Explanation of the Gospels for the Principal Feasts of the Whole Year." In order not to have the text tampered with he himself took care of the editing. The collection contains a sermon preached by the reformer on the "Day of the Conception of the Mother of God." But this is not all; there are passages in the sermon which not merely state the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, but defend it, too, with some of the arguments used to-day by our Catholic theologians.

"We celebrate to-day," he says, "the Feast of the Virgin Mary, how she was conceived without original sin. . . . We believe justly and happily that it (Mary's conception) occurred without original sin. . . . At the first moment, when she began to live, she was sinless and adorned with God's grace, full of grace; and this is not unbecoming. . . . This is implied in the words spoken to her by the angel: 'Blessed art thou among women.' For she could not have been addressed, 'Blessed art thou' if she had lain under the malediction. Again, it was right and befitting that she should be preserved without sin from whom Christ was to take the flesh that was to overcome all sins. For that is properly blessed which is adorned with grace, i. e., what is without sin. Many others have written much about this, and have pointed out the beautiful reasons, which are too lengthy to be enumerated here."

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During the last thirty years of his life Mgr. Lanausse compiled what is, perhaps, the most extraordinary manuscript history of his life and times written in a small, neat hand and illustrated with pictures of battles in which he took part, and with portraits of famous men he has met, all drawn and painted by himself. The initial letters in the paragraphs are beautifully illuminated. This book, a triumph of patience, is in 220 great folio volumes. Mgr. Lanausse has given it to the French National Library.

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A SHAMEFUL WAY OF CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

The way Christmas is celebrated by some people is certainly shameful, says the Sacred Heart Review. Instead of making it a time of holy and peaceful joy, Christmas is turned by too many so-called Christians into a period of drunkenness and strife. It is indeed deplorable that the anniversary of the birth of Christ the Savior should be made an excuse for all kinds of intemperate excesses; and that in all too many homes, Christmas, which should be a day of special joy for children, is only for them a day of sorrow and suffering and deprivations.

If there is one day in the year which should be celebrated temperately and happily it is the day when the Christian world remembers and celebrates the birth of Him Who came to suffer and die for us. If there is any one day when drink and all the devilishness it leads should be shunned it is this day. If there is any one day when the father should spend his time in sobriety, making, by his presence, his wife and children happy, it is on Christmas. Yet what do we too often see? We see this sacred season of Christmas turned into a time of drunkenness and dissipation, of sin and unhappiness. We see the peace of the household destroyed. We see quarreling and fighting among those who should be united. We see, sometimes, alas, murder resulting from Christmas dissipation. Is not this shameful?

The cause of it all is the foolish tradition or custom which makes of this beautiful holiday a time for "treating," and which seizes upon a great religious festival as a time for unlimited drinking. No Catholic worthy of the name ought to do anything to perpetuate the foolish and deplorable custom which has done so much to make Christmas Day a day of horror to so many unhappy wives and children.

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(Glengarry.)

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The world seeks to buy from us our immortal souls, and the price it offers is summed up in these brief words: Riches, honors, pleasures. Are you bargaining?

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CHAPTER II.—(Contd.) "I see—I understand," "I wish to do everything. You will not blame me if I should occur contrary wishes."

"Certainly not. I am obliged by your candor. I saw as he bowed him out take good care that nothing contrary to those wishes, when his visitor was gone, faint scent of the perfume the air.

"By George, but this is his first word when a few thought had revealed the plot. "If there were any letters to call I might as well render at once."

But for the serious story he might have laughed. Buck's romance. Sara was shallow a creature as ever and that any man of education attracted by her was absurdity in itself. She was smart-looking, tasteful, and giri, however, and Mr. Bu have been taken by the compliments which she No doubt she had encouraged and this made Florian an doubt, too, she intended to him, and opposition would but they owed it to their to do what was possible the unpreventable.

"Anyway," said Florian strode homeward, "a few end this wretched business or the other, and there is bothering the brain with it."

CHAPTER III. Supper that evening in the dining-room was a dull a threatening affair. The me the family as they sat face another at the table present- teresting appearance, since individual bore the slight- blance to any other. Mr. W. a mite of a man, whose face cessively wrinkled, whose l no special color, and who t- vously, even spitefully, win- gaining or finishing his seat- wife was dark-skinned and mannered, and evidently an- keep the waters around her as oil richly poured out of them. Linda was a dark- ty, lively, sharp, and fond- Florian himself was of a ju- of mind and of a sober bea- Sara showed the irritability temper by a continual snarl- ing that came in her ve- when her eye rested on some- ed bit of jewelry did a plea- pression light up her rat- face. Florian watched her and saw that his glance n- uneasy. She must know, he- her reverend lover had sp- him that day. It made her- ter, and he scarcely answer- questions which his mother- him.

"It's going away that said Mr. Wallace suddenly, up a thinking spell which upon him." "Won't have it- away indeed! Let me hear- of it. What does it amount- "Seemingly, dear," said whom long experience had- devousness of Mr. Wallac- methods, "it amounts- than most of us imagine."

"Oh, of course," blazed always with the boys, wro- with the boys always, wro- Wrong with the boys, right- boys. Wrong, right, and- "Isn't that natural," said with a smile, which, as on- the old gentleman, "Wasn't- cause of siding with a boy- was young that she left h- and went with you?"

"Right, Flory, always ri- tall that to Pere Rougevin- with right and wrong all th- life."

"You are putting ideas- dy's head," said Linda, "I- fuse him. And they are su- out in his arguments with- in the funniest way."

Sara started at the men- minister and blushed when- all eyes turned upon her w- picious looks.

"I wonder," said Florian- ve things of marrying." "So very few think of- him," said Linda. "I am not so sure of th- He is a desirable husband- ditious village girl who n-