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IRISH SAINT AND SCHOLAR.

Aubrey de Vere's Recollections of Gerald Griffin.

Aubrey De Vere contributes the second installment of his charming "Recollections" to the October number of the Century Magazine. Of special interest is what he writes of Gerald Griffin. He says:

Gerald Griffin, a friend of mine in whether in novels or on the stage, that youth, lived about four miles from us in a village called Pallas. He was a man of remarkable genius, and of a character yet more remarkable, though his life was too short to allow either to this life was too short to allow either to be recognized widely. He was the youngest of four brothers, whose parents had emigrated to America. parents had emigrated to America.
As a boy he lived with two brothers both of them physicians, whose talents and conduct, eventually made them eminently successful in their profession: but in early years their careers where the control of the commission and the control of the commission and the control of the commission and the control of the control of the commission and the control of the control and conduct, eventually made them eminently successful in their profession: but in early years their career was a struggling one. The boy had a high spirit of independence. He re-solved to be no longer a burden to them, to cast himself upon the huge things, Jacobinism, had never been world of London, and there make his way as he might. Knowing that his prothers would not sanction a design Irish character and of the Irish manapparently so hopeless, he took his departure without an adieu; and for a considerable time they did not know where he was. At first he supported himself by reporting for newspapers, and afterward by writing short, dram atic pieces for the small theatres. He could thus, however, win but a precarious existence, and during several years seems to have been in danger of

ambition. starving, for he never allowed his brothers to know of his difficulties. abode once more in the small dispens-ary house of his brother at Pallas. My starving, for he never allowed his brothers to know of his difficulties. Later he wrote tales illustrative of Irish life in the lower and middle classes, entitled "Holland Tide," "Tales of the Munster Festivals," etc. All at once to his great surprise his little spark of local reputation burst out into a flame. His "Collegians" appeared: it met with a great and immediate success. Some of the critics pronounced him the best novelist of the time next to Sir Walter. novelist of the time next to Sir Walter Scott; his publisher sent him £600, and he despatched the whole of that sum at once to his parents in America. sum at once to his parents in America. "The Collegians" has been frequently reprinted and presents the best picture existing of Irish peasant life, at once the most vivid and the most accurate. Its comic parts are the most comic, and its tragic the most tragic, to be found in Irish literature. The tale is founded on a terrible crime perpetrated in the county of Limerick early in this cen-tury. A young man of gentle birth fell in love with a beautiful and virtuous peasant girl, married her secretly, them. He startled his friends by got tired of her, and drowned her in asserting that strong passion, one of the Shannon. For a considerable time it was impossible to arrest the murderer; his capture was described to me by a near relative of mine, the magistrate who arrested him. He had received secret information, and led a body of police to the house of the murderer's parents at a late hour of the fice, well aware that it must be fatal to night. Apparently there had been a the success of literature such as that dinner party in the house, for on the for which his gifts and his experience door being opened after a slight delay had especially fitted him. He wrote he was received in the hall by its mis tress, a tall and stately lady in a black velvet dress. She addressed him with quiet scorn, informed him that her house, a hospitable one, had been favored by many guests, but none re-sembling those who had come at that unusual hour to visit it; that she knew his errand; that her son had not been his errand; that her son had not been in that house for many weeks; but that and answered all inquiries by stating in that house for many weeks; but that he was welcome to search for him as they pleased. They searched the house in vain—they next searched the offices. When on the point of retiring one of the party remarked a ladder that he had devoted the rest of his life to the instruction of little peasant statisfaction, while you shun another; boys, as one of the "Christian Brothers"—the humblest of all religious combe assured that though the wounds you be assured that though the wounds you one of the party remarked a ladder within the stable, the top of which leaned against a small door in the wall. The policemen refused to mount it, for they said that if the murderer was one. No doubt his choice was was hid on the premises he must be be hind that door and would certainly the best, not only for himself, but for stab the first to enter. The magistrate mounted. The search was again in the children who came under an influ-ence so benign. But the country he loved so well lost its chance of an Irish vain, and all had descended from the loft except the last policeman, who, as Burns, or an Irish Scott: and the un he approached the door, carelessly friendly critic will say, "So fares it prodded with his bayonet the straw with Irish gifts: the lower hit their with which the floor was covered. mark, the highest miss it, sometimes loud scream rang out from beneath it, and the murderer leaped up. He had by going to one side of it, and as often by going above it!" Macready, later,

knees she implored him to spare her The guilt was conclusively proved, and the murderer was sentenced to be hanged; but in those times justice was not always impartially administered, and the peasantry were certain that a gentleman never would be hanged. He requested that he should be taken to the place of execution in a carriage, but his crime had excited universal ab horrence, and none of the livery stables in Limerick would supply one. One was procured from a distance on the morning of the execution, and the unhappy man entered it. When midway on the bridge in Limerick that spans a small arm of the Shannon, the horses stopped, and no efforts could induce more certain than ever that somehow there would be an escape; a gentleman could not be hanged. The horses plunged more and more furiously, but would not advance. The murderer fell into an agony of terror. He exclaimed, "Let me out, and I will walk!" He walked to the place of execution, and was hanged.

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The "Celleen Bawn," which had an exclaimed to the place of execution, and was hanged. them to go farther. The crowds were

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His scream was almost immediately re-

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CHRISTIAN PERFECTION.

extraordinary success at one of the London theaters, was a dramatic con-densation of "The Collegians." I went to see it, but could not remain for more than ten minutes. All the refinement which, not less than stirength, marks the original, and especially the scenes that denote the second strength of the second strength of the second sec especially the scenes that describe the Irish peasantry, had vanished, and a vulgar sensationalism had taken its place. This vulgarity has been so common in the delineations of Ireland, presees most upon you at present; by violent passions, or whatever exaggertion might mingle with a generous "Nationalist" enthusiasm, the preaching of that vulgarest of all heard, a man of genius like him could not fail to feel the charm both of the ner, a thing then so much valued that "bad manners to you" was an ordin-ary; malediction. Many of his poems illustrate Irish peasant life with singular grace and pathos; and to become the Irish Burns, as he once told me,

was long the great object of his After the publication of "The Collegians," Gerald Griffin took up his den, and there, I think, made a study of Homer. He had a great knowledge toric romances illustrating Ireland as Scott's had illustrated Scotland. An unexpected obstacle frustrated that hope. He was a remarkably religious man. Prosperity, which weakens religion in many Irishmen, deepened it in him. Whatever ambition belonged to him in youth left him early ; things spiritual remained to him the sole realities, and literature was of worth only so far as it reflected them. He startled his friends by the chief attractions in imaginative literature, did but little mischief. It was in vain that those friends, clerical as well as secular, maintained that in wise hands it should have an elevating tendency : he clung to his doctrine all the more because it involved self-sacriscents on Ireland, is full of admirable description. One day his brother found the fireplace black with the cinders of papers recently burned. He had just destroyed the whole of his munities. He labored assiduously for a few years at Cork; there, a few years later, I saw his grave, and heard his fellow-laborers declare that if Ireland had ever had a saint, Gerald Griffin

son he was dignified; and his face was eminently handsome, as well as refined and intellectual. All the saints passed through many tribu lations and temptations, and profited by them —Thomas a'Kempis.

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laboring at the same time with great earnestness to acquire, in an eminent ite for that end. And indeed the connection of one virtue with another is so firmly cemented, that whoever

work continually I mean that you must never imagine yourself arrived at the height of perfection that you never omit any opportunity of exer cising new acts of virtue, and preserve a horror for sin, even in the highest degree. In order to do this you must acquit yourself of every duty incumbent on you with the greatest fervor and exactness, and on all occasions, inure yourself to a perfect practice of every virtue. Embrace therefore with great affection every opportunity of advancing towards perfection and sanctity, especially such as are attended with any difficulty; for every effort of that nature is of singular must never imagine yourself arrived effort of that nature is of singular efficacy for forming, in a short time,

by your health may receive any detri-ment; such as severe discipline, haireagerly, but step by step. Whereas all interior virtues, such as the love of God, a hatred of the world, a contemp of one's self, a sorrow for sin, mild-ness and patience, charity for our no precaution is necessary in their regard, and every act of them ought to be wildering rules and exceptions of be practised in the most eminent dehis grammar.

gree possible.

Let the scope of all your designs and

Let the conveniencies and pleasure of life in general be the objects of your aversion, and the attacks of vice will be much enfeebled, all their force being receive may not always be attended with the greatest danger, yet the encounter will be very sharp, and the victory very doubtful. Have therefore continually before your eyes, the words of the Holy Scripture: "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world doth keep it to ever lasting life. " (John xii. 25.) "We are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you shall die: but if by the Spirit, you mortify the deeds of the flesh you shall live.'

Rom. viii. 12.) I shall conclude with advising what is of infinite service, if not absolutely brought upon the stage a drama called "Gisippus," written by Gerald in early youth. I think it proved a success, and the £300 paid for it brought out a new edition of Gerald's works. necessary, a general confession with the requisite dispositions, in order to secure a perfect reconciliation with God, the source of all graces, the and is usually some State official. At Giver of victories, and Dispenser of the head of the Roman mission is a peace and solemn happiness of which he wrote in rapturous terms. In per-

"De Profundis."

crowns.

It is pleasant to observe that the custom of tolling the De Profundis bell is rapidly becoming common in this country. Archbishop Elder has directed that the bell be rung about an hour after the evening Angelus, and requests his people to learn the De Profundis and recite it every evening for the relief of the suffering souls. This admirable practice is a relic of the mediæval curfew, at the sound of which the watchman cried:

"Put out your fires and go to bed, And don't forget to pray for the dead."

In Ireland exists the beautiful cusom of reciting the De Profundis after each Low Mass. The practice had its origin in Reformation times, when the and prisons deserves all praise. persecutors burned the records containing the names of those who had bequeathed money for Masses. The clergy and people then chose this way—the only possible one—of discharging their obligations to the poor where show themselves to be men full

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LOOK TO THE LAMBS.

The number of young men in our The Bible is nothing without the large cities who, though born and Church. The Church is the living and large cities who, though born and brought up Catholics, neglect the practice of their religion is deplorably Christ to explain the Bible, to present and we are assured that in some serve, preach, defend, and practically the Christian revelation, of ercises of different virtues, so as to assign them to particular days, and thus live in a perpetual vicissitude. The method you ought to observe is to apply yourself to the rooting out the most predominant passion, and which presees most upon you at present; laboring at the same time with great earnestness to accurre, in an eminent of the present of laboring at the same time with great earnestness to acquire, in an eminent degree, the contrary virtue. For being once possessed of so essential a virtue, the rest may be attained with little difficulty, as but few acts will be requisite for that end. And indeed the convection of once virtue with another country, the need of a thorough religious instruction of their tion of the Holy Bible; it is she alone who can unquestionably distinguish those books which are inspired from those which are not; it is she alone who can determine the true meaning of obscure or disputed passages by the convection of one virtue with another country, the need of a thorough relig- light of the same Holy Spirit, who inious education is all the more imper-spired the books themselves; and ative; and we are convinced that irreentirely possesses one possesses all.

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Note of the books themselves; and, ative; and we are convinced that irreligion among young men is attributionable in great measure to the obtuse out the Church, the Bible and the ness of parents, particularly fathers. ing any one virtue: never say so many days, weeks, years, shall be employed in it; but like a vigorous soldiee who never saw the enemy, fight without ceasing, till by a complete victory you open the way to perfectively. victory you open the way to perfection; every moment advance in the road to heaven; for whoever makes any stop, so far from resting and taking breath, is sure to lose both ground and courage. When I advise you to least attentive when attention is most perfect though not perhaps duit. Certain children where the mind of God. Every Protestant derny Protestant the every Protestant derny Protestant derny Protestant the every Protestant derny Protest

efficacy for forming, in a short time, virtuous habits in the soul. Love those who furnish you with such opportunities, avoiding only, with the greater caution, whatever may be in the least prejudicial to charity.

Use great moderation and prudence in the practice of certain virtues where the practice of certain virtues where the practice of certain virtues where in the practice of certain virtues where the vour health may receive any detriof the discourse, or quote one sentence you not yet hanged yourself?" Christian life, the malice of sin, etc. Heart Review, that by constantly applying the Bible illogically, unconnectedly, and according to fancy men

The infinite tenderness of the Good Let the scope of all your designs and endeavors be the demolition of that passion with which you are engaged, regarding such a victory as of the greatest consequence to you and the most acceptable to God. Whether you eat or fast, whether employed or unemployed, at home or abroad, whether contemplative or active life take up your time, still let your aim be the conquest of that predominant passion, and the acquisition of the contrary virtue.

Let the conveniencies and pleasure.

Shepherd provided meat for men and "milk for babes," and surely it is for babes, "and surely it is for babes," and surely it is for babes, "and surely it is for babes," and surely it is for babes, "and surely it is for babes," and surely it is for babes, "and surely it is for welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths. The success of "Tom Playfair," "Percy Welcomed by numberless Catholic youths

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Protestant missionary societies operat-ing in the East Indies, we quote the following generous tribute paid to the zeal of the Catholic missionaries: "It cannot be denied that Rome is making alarming progress in India. Knitted to gether like a Macedonian phalanx, the Catholics are pushing forward and gaining victory upon victory. As a Church, the Roman Church makes a favorable impression, she at least offers the spectacle of a Church that is really She has only one confession o faith; her priests and her followers do not openly contradict one another what one professes as an article of faith another does not deny. In her organ-ization she is far ahead of us. The superior of our ecclesiastical establish ment is appointed by the Government Bishop, who is named by the head of the Catholic Church and recognized by the Government. This Bishop is gen-erally one that has grown grey in the country, and he commands as one having such authority. The unselfishness of the priests of Rome is truly admirable. We see them fraternally dividing the salaries allowed them by the Government. The missions have schools in all the cities; their institutions are splendid in more than one respect; everybody prizes them, and many a Protestant does not hesitate to have his children receive their educa-tion in a convent. The nuns train the girls entrusted to them with rare tact, The N. K. Fairbank Company, Wellington and one seldom meets a pupil of theirs that does not speak of the Sisters with great affection. The zeal with which the Roman priests visit hospitals poor unanimously express apprecia tion of their cordiality and self-sacrificing spirit. Hence comes also the

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