

Page 312, (96). "*After the Flight.*"

These lines were written after perusing Rev. C. P. Meehan's "*Flight of the Northern Earls.*"

Page 314, (97). "*Rory Dall's Lamentation.*"

Rory "Dall," or the blind, a celebrated Irish harper at the court of James V. of Scotland, who was banished that court for declaring he would rather be the O'Neil than King of Scotland.

Page 315, (98). "*The Last O'Sullivan Beare.*"

Philip O'Sullivan Beare, a brave captain, and the author of many works relating to Ireland, commanded a ship-of-war for Philip IV. of Spain. In his "*Catholic History*," published at Lisbon in 1609, he has alluded to the sad story of his family. It is, in brief, thus: "In 1602, his father's castle of Dunbuidhe being demolished by cannonade, the family—consisting of a wife, two sons, and two daughters—emigrated to Spain, where his youngest brother, Donald, joined him professionally, but was soon after killed in an engagement with the Turks. The old chief, at the age of one hundred, died at Corunna, and was soon followed by his long-wedded wife. One daughter entered a convent and took the veil; the other, returning to Ireland, was lost at sea." In this version, the real names have been preserved.

Page 317, (99). "*Brother Michael.*"

Michael O'Clery, the chief of the Four Masters, was merely a lay-brother of the Order of St. Francis. "Brother Michael" was his sole name in religion, and by that alone I have presumed to call him.

Page 319, (100). "Where the gables of Dunbrody  
Stand the proof of Hervey's penance."

The Cistercian Abbey of Dunbrody was founded by Hervey de Montemaris, A. D. 1182.

Page 324, (101). "*Sonnet—To Kilbarron Castle.*"

Kilbarron Castle, the time-honored dwelling of the O'Clerys, chief bards of the princely O'Donnells, overlooking Donegal Bay.

Page 325, (102). "*In-felix Felix.*"

Sir Phelim (Felix) O'Neill was executed by Cromwell's order, at Dublin, in 1662, as a punishment for the alleged "Popish Massacre" of 1641. He was offered his life, on the scaffold, if he would consent to inculcate King Charles. He "stoutly refused," and was instantly executed.