# The Lost Mission Of the Irish Gael

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The lecturer said since nations had well for them to enquire and learn what were the predominant faculties of the ancient nation to which they becomprehend the function it had been formed to fulfil, so that they could understand whether it was going on surely depend its future and its fate. in a brief time the island took flame, of spiritual champions, admirably was not enough. equipped to convert the wicked world of Europe. The spiritual descendants of these illustrious envoys were found to-day in every part of the world, and therefore the verdict of the world should be that the nation had been faithful and had not failed. Chivalry unquestionably was a distinguishing character of the ancient race. They delighted in chivalrous warfare, disdaining whatever they deemed unfair or mean. In their old heroic romances innumerable examples may be found the perusal of which should tend to exalt the ideals of generations. He asked if that martial and chivalric spirit which animated this nation in former times disappeared with the generations who of their adouted lands and the memory of their forefathers with heroic said no one could contest its posses-

In no place at no period was there ; shown such intense zeal for the cultivation of letters, nor had the world ever witnessed such magnificent hos-Pitality as that lavished on foreign students by the Irish nation. When Rome fell its intellectual sceptre did not pass to any country of the Continent, but was caught from the ruins of Ireland, and borne for three centuries at last by Ireland in sovereign supremacy over the known world. That was a great claim, but it was admitted. In that glorious period Irish authors helped to save classic letters from degradation, and did more-they laid the deep and strong foundations of modern literature. They gave of their higher culture and elaborated methods to the Norse to the Anglo-Saxons, to the Germans to the French, and the Spaniards directly or indirectly. Beyond | thing that any Irishman could look the classic world they created new realms of heroic romance, imaginative fiction, aerial visions of other States, mystic dreams, and humorous tales which inspired or influenced much of the great intellectual efforts of other and later men. It was an undeniable fact that ancient Ireland Irishmen. What they wanted to rewas the Mother of Literatures. Had medy in the present state of affairs the people of modern Ireland proved was that their education should be inithful to the noble characteristics | truly national, teaching them the histhat glorified her past and made her name famous among men? Was this faculty exercised? Was this function I all things Irishmen.

the West."

At a recent meeting of the Literary rightly fulfilled? Was Ireland now and Debating Society of the Catholic faithful to the great mission bequeath-Commercial Club, of Dublin, Dr., Sig- ed her in illustrious heritage? All erson, F.R.U.I., delivered a lecture on pleas that could be put forward were The Lost Mission of the Irish foreseen and admitted. No doubt the following report which storm after storm had swept over we take from the Dublin Nation, their country, wrecked their univervery Rev. Wm. Delaney, S.J., pres- sities, destroyed their great schools. and at last for a time swept over the land like a demon, burying all educaseverally their functions, their facultion under a Sahara of sterile ties, and their fates, might it not be sand. But their nation had outlived it all. In the very worst time of the tempest, when plunder and death banned learning at home, it created a longed in order that they might rightly constellation of colleges abroad, which were founded in the space of a century dating from 1582. They were fostered out of hard won salaries by the true lines of its mission. For on the gallant commanders of the Irish this whether it be faithful to its in- Regiments on the Continent, whose ner, greater, intenser life-energies, or lands had been confiscated because of whether it fall off from them and fail, their loyalty to prince and principle. ' Had the nation fallen away from its He classified the predominant charac- strong enthusiasm and high ideals? teristics of the ancient Irish as three- No doubt in the last century much fold-spirituality, intellectuality and had been accomplished, but were the chivalry. No nation had more clearly people inspired by the same intense shown its possession of a leading zeal as of old. If they looked to those characteristic than the Celtic that of lands towards which the Irish race spirituality, nor had any been so trre had outflowed they saw that in their to it. When Christianity came to Irc- poverty and their struggles that they land it came to cultured people, and had succeeded in achieving schools and colleges, and at last a university and year after year, sent forth hosts raised its hallowed head. But that

If they looked for instance, at the publishers' list for any year, saw what multitudes of volumes were poured forth from the Press amongst English countries, and counted the few that came from Irish authors and how fewer still were produced by Irish publishers, the result should calla feeling of painful humiliation. It was a general complaint that the Irish people did not buy books, that Irish authors found a more friendly audience abroad than at home, and that Irish literature, because of its fine qualities, was held in esteem amongst strangers, while it was almost ignored by the nation for the vindication of whose honor it had been earnestly exemplified it then. If there could be created, His fear wasthat the eminent such an assertion, but there was mission which inspired ancient Irenone, how convincing would be the land might be a lost mission if the contradiction given by the great na- people be not awakened to the prestions of Russia, Austria, Spain, and ence and effect of paralysing apathy. France, where exiled Irish and their Other nations had been advancing noble descendants upheld the honor with rapidity, and theirs, too, might and should advance with all the resilience of an ever-youthful race. But The new world America, to accomplish this it must perceive both North and South would its failings and its faults; it must bear generous witness, nor could but aside the false standards under which glaring gawds and gilded volcommanders of her armies and navy garity were set before refined were Irishmen. As regards the racial metal, and mercenary materialism tion of whether the financier makes all the diplomatic and international characteristic of intellectuality, he preferred to the expressions of spiritual and mental life. Self-sacrifice exsion by their predecessors. It was alted a nation, self-indulgence degradthe passion and the pride of the an- ed it; one was the victory of the spircient nation. So great was the on- it, the other the triumph of matter. thusiasm for learning, so high was The burden of a nation's heritage, the the honor of literature, that the Irish responsibility of a nation's fate, lay on Universities counted their students every generation as it came. It was by thousands. Their renown over- a heavy burden, a great responsibilspread Europe and called visitors to ity; the heavier it was and the greattheir halls from all the adjoining er it was the deeper and more shamekingdoms. Ireland was then, in the ful the infamy of that generation words of the faith-worthy witnesses, which brought down one of the highthe "New Rome," and the "School of est nationhoods of the world. Let not that dishonor be theirs.

> Mr. O'Leary Curtis proposed, and Mr. Keogh seconded a vote of thanks to the lecturer. The proposer said the decadence pointed out by the lecinsurrection, which they all so much deplored.

The Rev. Chairman said that the mission of the Irish race could not be described as lost while so many missionaries remained. Referring to the dearth in the country at the present day of assiduous readers of good Irish literature, he said this could not be wondered at as the readers of today were trained under a system which had divorced them from all that was Irish in spirit. No history found its place in what were called with such irony National schools. What boy ever taught in any of these schools was taught to revere anyto with pride or respect. The result was that the garbage referred to by Mr. Curtis was the literary food on which the bulk of their population were to-day fed. There was a serious danger that, fed on that garbage, they might cease to be in any sense tory of the country, teaching them to know and love it, and to be above

Solved the Snow Problem.

building there is ahot well into A resourceful engineer of a big ofwhich empties the greasy drip from fice building in Philadelphia solved all the cylinders of the pumps and enthe snow problem for his employers gines. The well is sixteen feet deep possible the hundreds of busy prothis week, and saved them guite a and five feet in diameter, and from fessional men in attendance. Others difference of principle.

I sum of money. In the cellar of the

it this waste water, which has a tem- does not approve of such doings, and pumped into a sewer. The method aged Pontiff should not leave his bed on Tuesday, and after 36 hours' lab- risen in the small hours of the mornmoved from around the building. The Lavigerie," intended for Cardinal work went on without interruption Perraud, who is going to Certhage to as the snow was melted and numbed inaugurate a monument to the firstoff as fast as it was emptied and named Cardinal, Dr. Lapponi insisted shovelled into the well. In all more that His Holiness was not to leave than 1,000 loads were removed at an his bed, and not to receive any one, expense of less than \$150. As the cost even the Cardinal Secretary of State. for removing snow in cart-loads var- His old valet, Pio Centra, and Mgr. ies from 90 cents to \$1.25, the sav- Angeli were requested to see that the ing amounted to more than \$800. It doctor's instructions were carried is expected to reduce the cost of re- out to the letter. The Pope obeyed moval in the future by providing for a couple of days, but on the 3rd chutes, entailing less labor in handl- he told the doctor that he was being the snow .- New York Post.

#### His Holmess as a Patient.

in-chief, explains as follows the orig- Correspondence London Daily Mail.) in of the recent slight indisposition of His Holiness, Leo XIII, has very often sleepless nights, and is in the habit of leaving his bed when he cannot sleep, and spending hours at his

perature of more than 200 degrees, is he has repeatedly insisted that the employed was to empty the snow in- during these winter nights. On the to the cellar through the archways, morning of January 18th, he found and then shovel it into the well. A that the Pope had a slight cold, with force of twenty-three men, divided in- shiverings, which boded no good, and to squads, commenced work at noon. His Holiness admitted that he had or the snow had practically been re- ing to write a Latin ode about "poor coming his second jailor, "I had to submit to the other for twenty years, but I shall not submit to you." he said, and received Cardinal Perraud. gave him the Latin ode, and felt all Dr. Lapponi, the papal physician- the better for a long chat .-- (Rome

### Missions to Non-Catholics.

Eighteen dioceses at present have missionaries engaged in preaching to writing desk. Of course, the doctor I non-Catholics,-Providence Visitor.

# OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CLASS

the effects of the Iron Chancellor's marks had but one grand object in that the effect of the "Armed Nalife, mainly the acquiring for Germ- tion" as developed by Bismarck, has for Prussia the control of the Germ- democracy, but also indirectly to anic union. In order to attain this create a power more fatal to its end it was necessary, in the elaborate growth than any other and long-studied system of his statesmanlike plans, to bring about the distinction of the democratic idea in possible, the autocratic methods of never be open, as kings may some-Government. To aid in this his grand times be, to humane impulses." means was "militarianism," or the arming for perpetual preparation for least for the present, nothing to do; we desire to merely take a short ex-

After thus elaborating the history of Bismarck's bigoted prejudicies and

has been the tightening of the grip of he makes for armed peace, for a state be sustained.

few words, of the situation to-day: financiers would desire. The Czar with his peace proposals and all those-except the Pope-who While they are talking of peace they are actively preparing for war, and sincerely wishes to see war replaced arming for peace, than upon the accrdental arming for war. It is, there the destinies of the various powers, and that dictate peace or war to all Mr. Clarke:--

In a recent article, by William | spread rumors and so instantly affect Clarke, on the life of Bismarck and the prices of all securities as we'll as to carry on crusades in behalf of policy on Europe, the writer advances armaments by frightening the public the theory that the subjects of his re- with vague alarms, it may be said any the control of the Continent and been not only to directly depreciate the world. The huge indebtedness of Europe is not only an economic disorder, it places immense power in Europe and to establish in as far as the hands of a small class who can

On more than one occasion we have pointed to the Jewish influence in resistance of every power in the old | Europe, and especially to the sway world. With the details and ensemble held by that element over the press of this very clever article we have, at | of the continent, as the under-current that is constantly agitating the masses, shaking the governments, threat tract from its pages for the purpose enong the rulers, attacking the Church of introducing another train of and producing the social and political troubles that eternally rock the surface of society. In this unprejudiced exposition of the actual situation altogether Machiavellian system of in the old world, and of Bismarck's controlling public affairs, the writer Nationalism-which would stop at nothing to attain the end in view, we An incidental outcome of this policy have a confirmation of that which. the financier over Europe. The ques- fore our readers as the true source of for peace or not has been much dis- difficulties of the age. It could be cussed. The answer seems to be that | readily conceived that such an influence must be antagonistic to Rome, of things in which, while war would and especially to the reigning sovmean a tremendous risk, yet ereign. To Rome, because of the Cathpreparations for war are ne-folicity that centres in the eternal cessary in order that the power of city; to the present Pontiff, because the international financial class may his great influence is exercised in favor of peace on the basis of arbitra-Here is also a perfect picture, in a tion, and not an armed peace, as the

Here again is an explanation of Bismarck's great and constant opposparticipate in his desires for a gen- ition to the Church; not so much beeral peace agreement, seem to desire cause it is the Church, or because it that it should be an armed peace. is Catholic, or because it is unchangeable and could not be moulded by his fingers to fit into the plans which he so preparing on a more gigantic had conceived, and which he scale than ever. The Pope alone, of carried to a successful issue in turer was produced by the English all the European influential leaders. | many cases. "To Bismarck the man exists for the state, not the state for by arbitration, and alone is free from the man." This idea is an integral the grasp of the money-lenders, the part of modern German political sci-Jewish bankers of the Continent, ence. The church, holding to the very whose enormous fortunes are more copposite opinion, and the only one in safely built up upon the continued accord with the principles of political economy, and with the origin of society, became a liberty-grafting instifore, these financiers that actually tution, whose methods clashed with govern Europe to-day, that control Bismarckian system of reducing the individual to a mere clog in the machinery of the state. Hence the enmiexcept the Vatican. And these Jews ty engendered between Bismarck and have the mighty weapon of the press the Church, hence the deadly hatred of under their direction. To quote from the money made dictations of Europe for the Catholic establishment. In "As the newspapers, notably in both cases we find the Church on the Vienna and Berlin, are completely in side of peace and justice, as well as the hands of that financing class, and on the side of human liberty and the

the newspapers can be easily used to prerogatives of citizenship. 

### THE JUDGES' LUNCH.

In the February number of the Windsor Magazine there appears a very interesting account of "A Jud-Moscow. Among other things, it appears that judges are able to pay but the inner man, "Some of the judges go on with the chamber work withfor luncheon, merely munching a biscuit by the way of sustenance at halftime and while disposing of the list, in order to liberate as speedily as

clear the room for ten minutes or so while they discuss a modest meal. One judge who consistently leaned on the side of frugality, was the hero of an incident that has become historic. ge's Actual Life." written by Michael While he was enjoying a basin of broth in seclusion a young solicitor ran breathlessly to the vigilant janivery scant attention to the wants of tor outside with the hasty inquiry. 'What's the judge on now?' 'Pea soup,' responsively roured the hullout even the customary adjournment voiced attendant, much to the amusement of my Lord, who ever afterwards lunched on bread and cheese, regardless of the expense."

Every difference of opinion is not a

IN MEMORY OF

JOHN McCAFFREY, .

Who Died January, 29th, 1899. 

Life's sunshine seems but shadows, Its brightness naught but gloom. Since he who was the'r idol-Has been laid within the temb.

In the prime of life's fair manhood, Swiftly came the unwelcone guest Death's dark Angel hore him onward To his home of final rest.

Vainly will his loved ones listen For the music of that voice; Or the soft tread of his footstets. That once made their hearts retoice

In the twilight's holy calmness, A lone wife her vigils keep, While the tears fall for her husband Who now sleeps his long last sleep.

And a small voice whiseers, "Father Will I see thee neverm de. Must I watch in vain thy coming. From that bright celestial shore?

Will the springtime come with glad-Decking earth with fairest flowers? Yet it cannot chase the sadness. From this once bright home of ours

Where every severed wreath is bound In heaven thou dost dweb. While loved ones mourn thee still on

earth.

A long and last farewell.

-Margaret A Massam Lapine

Commence your daily life with prayer. Earnest prayer will sanctify your daily actions -- will give you strength to bear up with disappointments. The man, womanor child who consecrate their day's action with prayer weave the blessed charm of God's grace around them, which gives strength against temptation. How many daily go forth in health from their homes never to return there in life! Prayer is a surety for those you love and leave behind that whatever may betide you, yet all is well.

#### FACTS ABOUT HEALTH

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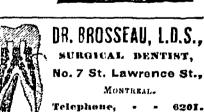
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