

THE IRISH LANGUAGE.

Synopsis of the Sermon by Rev. John J. Carroll, of St. Thomas' Church, Chicago.

In the Catholic Times, of Philadelphia, appears the following synopsis of the Irish sermon, preached by Rev. J. J. Carroll, on St. Patrick's Day. We have to thank Father Carroll for a copy in the Irish of the sermon. The Times thus prefaces the synopsis:

"It reproduces in a faint manner the charm and strength of the original, but deserves notice nevertheless, as a worthy attempt to revive and further the study of a language whose poetic tenderness and melting persuasiveness make it the most adapted of all for appeals to the heart and feelings of the faithful. God grant that the nascent movement for saving this splendid old tongue may find Irish hearts to welcome it and Irish money to erect in the Catholic University of America a chair for the teaching of its glorious literature, and the formation of students who will then sow in all parts of the United States that scientific knowledge of the Celtic necessary for any serious work in the future. Let not the poet's sad words prove true:

'Tis fading, oh, 'tis fading like leaves upon the trees!  
In murmuring tone 'tis dying, like the wall upon the breeze!  
'Tis swiftly disappearing, as footprints on the shore,  
Where the Barrow, and the Erne, and Loch Swilly's waters roar—  
Where the parting sunbeams kisses Loch Corrib in the west,  
And ocean, like a mother, clasps the Shannon to her breast!  
The language of old Erin, of history and name—  
Of her monarchs and her heroes—her glory and her fame—  
The sacred shrine where rested, thro' sunshine and thro' gloom,  
The spirit of her martyrs, as their bodies in the tomb.  
The time-wrought shell, where murmur'd, 'mid centuries of wrong,  
The secret voice of freedom, in annal and in song—  
Is slowly, surely, sinking, into silent death at last,  
To live but in the memories of those who love the Past.

Father Carrall spoke in part as follows:

Indeed, my good people, it is a beautiful and Christly custom with the Catholic Church to use the noblest of all things in her possession when she offers sacrifice to God the Almighty. It is for this reason she bedecks her altars with jewels and gold when her priests celebrate the Mass. It is for this reason she uses music of the noblest composition when she chants the praises of the Lord. It is for the same reason she erects temples that are massive, wonderful; for she regards not economy when arraying herself for her heavenly Bridegroom.

To-day I follow this usage when I speak to you in the Gaelic tongue of the mighty attributes of God. For it is my opinion that this tongue is to the languages of the classic world what the jewels and gold are to the altar; that the resistless march of its eloquence, the melting charm of its sweetness, sways and entrances like divine music; that it builds up the story of the Creator, massive, wonderful. It was in this noble tongue Patrick taught the children of the Gaal the redemption of Christ, the wisdom and mercy of God. For more than a thousand years it has heralded forth in splendor the majesty of the Eternal.

It is the only language in which no heresy has ever been spoken! I have often marveled at the grandeur of its antiquity; for it is the same tongue in which our great ancestors spoke, what time the first Scythian dominion in Asia reached from the Tigris to the River Indus. This is the reason we find in India, even to-day, remains of "Sean-scrivt," a language so puzzling to scholars because they do not seek the light of solution in the right direction. Strictly speaking the "Sean-scrivt" is not a language, but means "old writings" the Epic of the Scyths.

This was the noble tongue spoken by Ardfear and his followers among the mountains of Cosan-Gava and Ard-mionia, whither they fled before Nemrod and his "As-sior" hosts, who subjugated the plains of "Sean-Atar." This was the tongue spoken by those dauntless champions who rode like "Cent-aurs" through Thrace and Greece, before whom the wretched Helots fled like frightened deer. This the tongue spoken by the polished "Feinicians," those merchant princes whose "cities were by the sea." It was in this

tongue the mighty "Aonobaal" commanded his panoplied legions when he broke the power of the Romans at Oanna.

It is the tongue of our heroic forefathers; of the glorious Er and Iber of Eocaid and Goll the invincible! It was in this tongue that Patrick addressed the great Parliament of Errion on Tara, when he persuaded that noble assembly to forsake the false religion of Baal and follow the true faith of Christ the Saviour.

Have I not then a forceful reason to feel proud that it has been given to me this day to praise God and honor the name of Patrick in this most ancient and noble tongue?

In the days when Patrick returned to Errion as priest and primate, his first sojourn there was as a slave; the island was divided into four kingdoms: Ullad, Ultonmact, Mumain and Gaalen, all under the sway of an imperial sovereign or Ardrig, who dwelt at Tara. The people was classified into seven orders—the kings, princes, knights, chieftains, Ollam, Crumthear and the Gaal. Six of these were nobles. The Gaal included the cultivators of the soil, trades people, mechanics, soldiers, etc., provided they were descended from the race.

Then came the Danaan, the firgneath, the servants and slaves; the slaves were usually captives taken in war. To this last category belonged the Apostolic Missionary Patrick. The established religion was Baal worship, taught by a priesthood of three degrees—the Ard-crumthear, the Crumthear and the Car-neac. The Druidism, however, of the Danaan and Firgneath was tolerated. The language of that day, with regard to its purity, might be divided into two dialects—the "Beulrad Feine," which was highly polished and cultivated, written by the Ollam and spoken by the nobility, and the "Gneath beulrad," spoken by the illiterate. Every fourth year an imperial convention was held at Tara; the King and a certain number of noble electors from each of the four kingdoms were present and sat beneath where hung their shields in the great hall. It was in the presence of this august body that Patrick, like another Paul before the Areopagus, spoke his mission. Before this assemblage of Kings and nobles he gave his sermon on the "Triune God" and the "Redemption by the Saviour." God crowned it with success; for from that day we may say that the island became a part of the kingdom of Christ.

From that day the Gentilism of Bial and the Druidism of the Danaan fell without resurrection. In their place arose the benign light of our Lord and Saviour, changing the pagan "valley of tears" into the "island of saints." Our beloved Errion, may she be perpetually blessed.

The death of Kossuth recalls a historical event of peculiar interest. The Emperor of Austria has an official residence in Hungary; it is a palace built upon the rocks at Gpen and overlooking the Danube and the city of Pesth. In that palace was preserved the crown of St. Stephen, King of Hungary, presented by Pope Sylvester, A. D. 1000, and looked upon as the palladium of the Hungarian nation. Kossuth removed the crown during his campaign, but it was returned in 1867. There is a great suspension bridge connecting the palace with Pesth.

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THE WORLD AROUND.

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Ten thousand men went out on a strike Monday in the Connelsville coke region.

An American protectorate promises to be the satisfactory settlement of the Hawaiian question.

American insurance companies doing business in Russia are compelled to divide profits with the insurers.

The funeral services over the remains of Louis Kossuth began last Sunday. At least 150,000 persons viewed the coffin on Saturday.

An attempt to assassinate the Armenian patriarch of Constantinople was made last Friday. The assassin fired two shots at him, but none took effect.

President Cleveland has declined to join the British and Italian governments in an appeal to Peixoto to withdraw his demand upon Portugal for the surrender of Da Gama.

Hon. Patrick Wash, editor of the Augusta Chronicle, has been appointed by Gov. Northen to fill the vacancy in the U. S. Senate caused by the death of Senator Colquitt.

A massive standpipe at Peoria, Ill., containing 1,500,000 gallons of water, collapsed, Friday, killing one person, fatally injuring three and causing more or less serious injury to twelve others.

It is reported from Honolulu that the native royalists, seeing that restoration is impossible, now favor annexation as the best way out of the trouble. The Queen is said to be anxious to secure a bounty.

Mgr. Combs, Archbishop of Carthage and Primate of Africa, has, according to a Continental contemporary, convoked the Bishops of Algeria to arrange for the erection of a mausoleum to Cardinal Lavigerie in his cathedral at Carthage.

Cardinal Rampolla, Pontifical Secretary of State has informed the new Cardinals Lecot, Archbishop of Bordeaux, Bourree, Bishop of Rodex, and Selanch, Bishop of Gross-Waradin, that the Pope will himself give them the cardinal's hat in the next Consistory.

It is told of Father Ignatius, the Anglican monk, who has recently become a Catholic, that, having visited the late Pius IX. in his peculiar garb, he was taken gently by the ear by that good natured Pope and dismissed with the single remark, "Cowl does not make monk."

Over 3,000 painters were locked out in Chicago Tuesday by their employers because of a demand for higher wages and a threatening strike. About 400 of the men went out Monday, and the employers took matters into their own hands by locking out all members of the union.

The French Government has received information that a French reconnoitering party in the southern part of the Soudan was recently attacked by a band of natives of the village of Nasapa and Lieut. Lecterf and three native soldiers were killed and six others of the French party were wounded.

For this year the Catholics have received (from the general government) for their Indian schools, \$365,835; the Presbyterians, \$30,090; the Congregationalists, \$25,736 last year and \$3,756 this year; the Episcopalians, \$7,020; the Quakers, \$11,020; the Mennonites, \$2,750; the Unitarians, \$5,500, and the Lutherans \$15,120.

There is more trouble in Samoa on account of the foreign protectorate over the islands. Chief Justice Ide, the American who represents the governments of the United States, Germany and England, has been making some of the native chiefs work out fines on the public roads, and the natives have rebelled at the insult. King Malietoa is loyal to the Chief Justice. Serious complications are likely to arise out of the situation, and a general uprising of natives against foreigners is threatened.

In the new edition of Mr. Chas. Lindsey's History we find that he attempts to discuss the Jesuit estate question, and to trace the history and influence of the Catholic Church in Canada, from the days of Jacques Cartier down to the present. Perhaps no more one-sided, erroneous and wilfully prejudiced volume was ever penned. When a man poses as a student of history, he should begin by

laying aside all preconceived opinions and take facts as they appear, rejecting nothing—no matter how it may conflict with his own views. This man sets out with the avowed intention of showing "the elements of a contest between mediæval ecclesiasticism and the civilization of the nineteenth century." How can such a writer pretend to historical impartiality? We have had occasion, for a special purpose, to make a careful study of the epochs to which Mr. Lindsey particularly refers, and long before his edition is sold we hope to reveal—both through the medium of the press and otherwise—a few of those secrets of Canadian history which some interested historians have deemed proper to suppress and which prejudiced men, like the one in question, have carefully studied to ignore.

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

The Rev. Sylvester Malone has been elected one of the regents of the University of the State of New York.

The completed college of the Mariast Brothers at Hunter's Hill was blessed by Cardinal Moran on St. Patrick's Day.

The Vicar Apostolic of Kiang-Kiang, China, has received 100,000 francs indemnity for the damages inflicted on Catholic property in his jurisdiction during the recent riots. The native Christians received about 7,000 francs besides.

Sister Avoye, one of the daughters of St. Vincent de Paul, died recently at Nice of an illness contracted in the Hospital of St. Joseph, at Potsdam. In the world she was Princess Radziwill, the sister of Prince Ferdinand, Duke of Olyka.

Cardinal Gibbons has taken part in the movement urging the Legislature to pass the anti-pool selling bill, which is aimed to keep the New Jersey sporting men from establishing an all-the-year-round racing track in Baltimore county, Md.

Just now the Catholics of Buffalo are, with good reason, complaining that text books abounding in anti-Catholic misrepresentations and calumnies, are used in the night schools of that city which many Catholic children attend.

During a violent thunderstorm recently, just as services were about to begin, a bolt of lightning struck the 200-foot spire of St. Columba's Church, Ottawa, Ill., tearing away hundreds of slates, shingles, and splitting the brick work at its northern side. The church was filled with people, but as fire did not follow in the path of the stroke, all save a few nearest the doors remained in their seats. The damage is probably \$1,000.

Fishop Delany, speaking at Oatlands, Tasmania, said the Sisters of St. Joseph are a distinctly Australian Order, and not a branch of any European institute. They were specially founded to meet the exigencies of colonial life in sparsely-settled districts, and consequently are allowed to form small communities of two or three Sisters for the purpose of reaching many more of the little ones of Christ's flock than would be possible under ordinary conventual rules.

Patient: I've got pains all over my body, doctor; I have not the least appetite, and I can't sleep a wink at nights. Doctor: H'm. But otherwise you feel all right, don't you?

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