

dom in Dublin, Ireland, which lasted for over 300 years. The Swedish Vikings turned their attention to the East, exerted a great influence upon Russia and visited Arabia and Egypt. A collection of Sagas (literally stories committed to writing) was made by two priests about 1395, in which is recorded the discovery of Vineland by Leif Erickson of Iceland in 1000. One part of this country was named Markland, and another part Helluland, which some antiquarians believe correspond with Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Whether the Norsemen discovered America or not, they made many voyages to parts unknown and did much to bring different parts of the world into communication with other parts.

One result of the Viking expeditions was to introduce Christianity to those Northern peoples. Individuals had preached to them in the home land, but the greatest impetus from the religion of Odin to the religion of Jesus took place when the seafaring rovers returned from countries which had been evangelized by the missionaries of the Cross.

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This island, lying in the North Atlantic Ocean has an area of 40,439 square miles. Its greatest length is 298 miles, and its greatest breadth, 194 miles. It is a land of fjords and valleys, picturesque enough,