THE CELTIC CROSS.

Through storm, and fire, and gloom, I see it Firm, broad, and tall—
The Critic Cross that marks our Fatherland,
Anid them all!
Druids, and Danes, and Saxons vainly rage
Around its base;
It standed shock on shock, and age on age.
Size of our scattered race.

O, Holy Cross; dear symbol of the dread
Doath of our Lord,
Around thee long have slept our martyr-dead,
Sward over sward;
Anhundred Bishops I myself can count
Among the slain;
Chiefs, Capinins, rank and file, a shining
Of God's ripe grain.

The Recreant's hate, the Puritan's claymore,
Smote thee not down;
On headland steep, on mountain summit hoar,
In mart and town;
In Glendalough, in Ara, in Tyrone,
We find thee still,
Thy open arms will stretching to thine own,
O'er town, and lough and hill.

And they would tear thee out of Irish soil,
Thegulity fools!
How Time must mock their antiquated toil
And broken tools!
Crasmer and Cromwell from thy grasp retire,
Haffied and thrown;
William and Anne to sap thy site conspired—
The rest is known!

Holy St. Patrick, Father of our Faith,
Beloved of God!
Shield thy dear Church from the impending scattle.
Or, if the rod
Must scourge it yet again, inspire and raise
To emprise high,
McLike the heroic race of other days,
Who joyed to due!
-T. D. Metice.

OLD ST. PETERS

AND THE GROUND AROUND THE VATICAN.

The Remains of St. Peter-The Deaths of Two Apostles - "O Happy Roine Rose Purpled With such Blood."

CONCLUDED.

There are representations of the first or old Basilica of St. Peter, built by Constantine the Great, on medals of the Re-naiscence Popes. St. Lawrence extra across gives an idea of it. On a medal before me I see the seven arched vestibule of two stories, a window above each meh. Behind rises the lofty gable of the contral nave. In splendor the early central nave. In spannor the carry basilica even exceeded the present. It was called variously "Most Augustus Basilica," and "Limina Apostolorum" [Timeshold of the Apostles). A vast square cloister or portico formed the apostles of the the charges as yields and bases. ploach to the church, so tichly and beau-ifully decorated, and having at each center a sparkling fountain, that the people called it the Paradise. Within the church the walls were covered with mosaic pictures on gold ground; the may and aisles were divided by pillars taken from Pagan temples. At the midpoint of the cross-nave was the high atar, over Peter's tomb. From the earliest period it was called the Confession. The space was surrounded by twelve large spiral columns of white models are each of which was the silven marble, on each of which was the silver statue of an Apostle. These columns were bought from the ruins of Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem by Helena, the mother of Constantine. There is nothing incredible in that, and the columns are still in St. Peter's. Two in each plaster of the dome form door posts a the galleries above St. Andrew, Heiena. served, in the Sacrament Chapel. One Temple, is kept enshrined in a small chape within that of the Picta. mo a c of the first apse had the figure of Christ in the midst, with Peter and Pau on either band. The heads of these

TRADITIONAL PORTRAITS

are still preserved in the Vatican. Besides the Chair of Peter, which was al-ways regarded as a relic and never used by any of the succeeding Bishops of We had of a marvelous candelabra, which stood in front of the Confession, having 365 lights, made of gilt metal and set with precious gems. The most sacred relies preserved in St. Peter's from the carliest ages are the wood of the True Cross, the Lance, and the Volto Santo, or impression of the Saviour's face upon the handkerchief of Berenice of Veronica. Volumes of disquisition have been written about the name Veronica; most authorities seem to conclude that it applied to the relic (true image) and not to the woman who came forward on the road to Calvary to offer a mementary re-lief to her divine and suffering Lord. On the other hand, as Veronica is composed of both Greek and Latin words, the meaning may have been found in the name of Berenice, and Latinized. Tradition says Berenice was the lady who was healed by touching the bern of our Latinized. that this august relication of Good Friday in the crowd. When she received back the handkerchief she found it bore the exact image of His face, torn with torns and marked with blows. Astonished and consoled by the possession of such a treasure, Berenice kept it carefully in the finest case she could make of such a treasure, Berenice kept it carefully in the finest case she could make for it. Pontius Pilate having sent exact reports to Rome of the miracles wrought by Jesus Christ, Tiberius sent messengers to Jerusalem to ask Him to cure him of an infirmity. They arrived soon after the Crucifixion, when there were the conflicting reports of His Resurection, the Jews asserting that the disciples

HAD STOLEN HIS BODY.

The belief in the virtue of whatever

and silver-guilt, and covered with glass. It never seems to have been lost sight of. During the Dark Ages it was kept for a fit from the good showing it has made. in which the true image lay, locked with back to Canada. thirteen locks—one for each region of Rome. It was in St. Peter's in the twelfth century in a chapel of its own with ten lamps burning before it day and night. Sundry early French and English absorbed mention having seen this lish chroniclers mention having seen this precious relic—for instance, Mathew of Westminster. The Popes prohibited any copy to be made of the Volto Santo under pain of excommunication. Two off er postgritte of our lord on lines there are the second of the pain of the part and the second on the second of the second on the second portraits of our Lord on linen were esteemed authentic by the Church. One was the handkerchiel He sent to Abgarsus, King of Edessa, concerning which there are many interesting traditions; the other the cloth wrapped around his face and head in the sepulchre, which the disciples found folded together "in a place by itself" (St John, xx, 7). This also bore the likeness of Christ.

VARIOUS PLACES

claimed having possessed these portraits at different epochs; but it would lead me both. The true image was kept sometimes for safety in the castle of St. Angelo; the Church of Santo Spirito (of the Saxons) also had the honor of guarding it during repairs of St. Peter's. At the second jubilee, in 1350, the Pope, being at Avigon, commanded the relie to be exhibited in St. Peter's, when the crowds who rushed to behold it were so great many persons were trampled and crushed to death. Berenice or Veronica never was canonized; but the Roman people called her a saint, and the name to this day frequently given in bap-

According to tradition, Longinus was the Roman soldier, who, with his lance, traditions of the affective Freemasonry pierced the Saviour's side; he became a of the Continent." Archielent Croke christian, and suffered marty idom at Cesarea in Lappadocia. The lance was buried, with the cross and other instruments of the Passion, in the place where the Passion in the place where the Primares Helping found them. It was the Primare Premission of the Archbishop Croke, who, like the Primare, supports the attitude of Archbishop Walsh, maintains that "that the real and only issue to be tried" is "whether Mr. Parnell, having the Primare Premission of the Archbishop Croke, who, like the Primare, supports the attitude of Archbishop Walsh, maintains that "that the real and only issue to be tried" is "whether Mr. Parnell, having the Primare Empress Helena found them. It was set in a wooden cross and placed in the portieo of the Church of the Holy Sesulchre at Jerusalem, where the Venerable Bede mentions it was an object of deep interest to faithful pilgrims.

After Jerusalem fell into the hands of the Saracens, the lance was secretly transported to Antioch; again brought back to Jerusalem in 1099, from whence it was removed to Constantinople. Emperor Constantine V divided the lance in two pieces, presenting the point to

Charlemagne.
Baldwin II, fifth Latin Emperor of Constantinople (1261-72), being in need of money, gave the point of the lance to the Republic of Venice in pawn. St. Louis IX of France redeemed the relic from Venice, paying the loan, and caused it to be placed in Paris with the crown of thorns in the chapel he

BUILT FOR THE LATTER. The rest of the lance remained at Constantinople, jealously preserved among the imperial treasures, with other relies by Mohammed II. The grand master of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, Aubusson, obtained this portion of the lance from Bajazet II, and sent it with other relics to Pope Innocent VIII in 1492. The lance was landed at Ancona, and brought thence in procession to Rome. It was received by Pope Innocent at the Flaminian Gate (Porta del Popolo), and he carried it to St. Peter's Veromea and Longinus. Other two can be seen more nearly, and their size obsank down in tears, unable to sing Mass, which he deputed to Cardinal Della

myself to the portions now preserved in sr. Peter's. The old basilica does not be stay away from the meeting alto-scen to have possessedone. Urban VIII gether. in 1720, took some fragments of this great relie from Santa Croce, in Gernsalemme, and from Santa Anastasia, placed them in a silver cross adorned with precious stones, and consigned the whole to the Being, Constanting placed a marble throng in the Tribung, to be used by the Pomilf on solemn occasions. Each Pope Pomilf on solemn occasions. Each Pope same time with Lance and the Volto

Santo

Gregory XVI, in 1833, caused the larger portion to be placed in a new relarger portion to be placed in a new re-liquary, and since then, that alone has been exhibited. It is thus described in the above work by a person favored with a close inspection: "When Pope Gregory XVI, on January 18, 1838, be-stowed upon the basilica two precious reliquaries for the wood of the holy cross, he ordained that the larger one should be shown in future with the lance and be shown in future with the lance and the lillo Santo. This larger fragment, which had been long in the Pontifical sacristy, has on one side engraven the image of the crucified Redeemer pierced with four nails, and eleven figures in bas-

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Canada at the Jamaica Exhibition.

Mr. William Davidson, of the firm of Marlatt & Armstrong, of this city, has received a letter from his brother, Mr. Joseph Davidson, of Kingston, Jamaica, had touched a divine person being common to the heathen, inquiries were made for some object. He had had about His person and Berenice, or Veronica, was induced to travel to Rome with her miraculous square of fine linen.

Tiberius was healed at the sight of the sacred image, and commanded that a statue of Christ should be placed among the gods. Veronicalived safely in Rome until her death, before which she consigned the sacred image to St. Clement. [These details are from the Ambrosian Breventy]. Those who have seen this relie say it could not have been painted. It is enclosed in a costly frame of crystal

century in the Pantheon for greater se- The boot and shoe and tweed exhibits are curity, that church being in the heart of being sold now, and in Mr. Davidson's Rome, and still possessing the metal-box opinion there will be little left to take

THE IRISH BISHOPS

On the Present Situation and Strained Relations of the National Leaders,

Lord Salisbury's caustic speech at Cambridge and Mr. Parnell's defiant throwing down of the gauntlet to the priests in the recent reference to the Kil-kenny contest, says the Catholic Times, have still more sharply accenturted the situation and widered the breach between him and the ecclesiastical forces arrayed against him. The Most Rev. Dr. Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the learned and revered head of the Irish Church, addressing a very large congregation of St. Patrick's Dundalk, on Sunday, strongly denounced the separating of morals and politics as savouring of pagani m. He expressed his belief that the present crisis was a punishment inflicted upon the country for having disregarded the advice and warning of the Holy Father who, on his (Dr. Logue's) last visit to Rome, displayed the greatest solicitude about Ireland and spoke most affectionately of the Irish people, so tamed for their love of purity and who, he hoped, would not be false to their glorious traditions, and for the sake of political expediency countenance one who had thumpled them countenance one who had trampled them under foot. Archbishop Walsh, in a recently published letter inveighs, against "conducting a campaign in open disregard of the principles of morality" relegated to "only a second place in public affairs," which he characterises as "not unworthy the traditions of the affairs is Resemusous. been convicted in of en court of a most heinous offence, rendered disgraceful by all the circumstances that surround it, is a tit leader for the Catholic people of Ireland!" His Grace adds: "I take this opportunity of publicly stating that, on the occasion of the meeting of the Irish Bishops, and for days after it, I had not seen or read Mr. Gladstone's famous letter which is supposed to have given rise to the convenient cry of dictation. The real issue for me, and not merely the main one, was Mr. Parneli's scandalous misheliavior, and the gross breach of Christian morality of which he was conessedly guilty. Such, also, was the view of this painful subject taken by his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, and, indeed, for that matter by the Irish hierarchy at large, the Irish clergy and all intelligent practical Catholies throughout the comry. The Most Rev. Dr. Woodlock, Bisho, of Ardagh, preaching at Longford, on Sunday, said: "To accept as our leader a convicted adulterer is in some measure to condone his crime, to make our country in some measure a sharer in it, and to expose her to those dreadful punishments which the Almighty in His jus wrath inflicts upon a nation for the crimes of its rulers." Referring to the efforts being made to separate the people from their priests, he reminded his hearers that they had often been led to triumph by patriotic Bishops and devoted elergy in the past, and that their motto should be "The priests and the people for ever." The Most Rev. Dr. McRedmond, Bishop of Killaloc, addressing the congregation, on Sunday in the ing the congregation, on Sunday, in the that against which Jesus leaned when calling attention to the beauty of the like the same shrine with the Volta would be no dissension amongst them next Sunday on the occasion of Mr. Par-Volumes have been written upon the node's visit to that town, and added that True Cross. I must is this place confine all who loved morality, and to see it

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O'Brien and Dillon.

DUBLIN, Feb. 19.—William O'Brien and John Dillon were transferred to Galway jail at daylight this morning. The prisoners were taken from Clonmel in a carriage. Though secrecy was observed the inhabitants of Tipperary got wind of the affair and assembled in crowds at the Tipperary railroad station and enthusias tically cheered the members of Parliament as the latter's train stopped for a few moments in their midst. On arriving at the Galway jail Mr. O'Brien was placed in the hospital and Mr. Dillon was locked in a cell.



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The Church and People.

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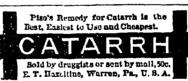
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