

THE SONG-LITERATURE OF NINETY-EIGHT.

A CENTURY ago, says Dr. George Sigerson, in the Dublin Freeman, Irish society was more given to letters than it is at the present.

MICHAEL OF KILDARE

was the first to compose a satire in English. There were occasional verses on political subjects, for political purposes, like the rude rhyme of "Lillibulero."

This was the immediate predecessor and parent of the Literature of Ninety, especially as regards poetry. How close the connection is may be judged from the fact that John Sheares, who was executed in 1798, wrote "The Shamrock Cuckade," the charter-song of the volunteer societies, who, on the 17th March, 1790, paraded on the Mall of Cork, under arms, and fired three volleys in honor of the day.

A DOWRY OF POETRY

from Nature, which she has not given to everyone who writes political or patriotic verse. What a fine swing and song there is in that ballad of his on "The gallant man who led the van of the Irish Volunteers!"

Wild oats in the College won't want to be tilled, And hemp in your Courts may thrive, sir.

The faulty version gives us 'cottage' for 'college.'

THE INTENSE ARDOUR OF THE NEWER MOVEMENT

struck a more powerful chord. There is less play of wit and humor; satire and sarcasm remain, but the prevailing tone is one of passionate longing and desire for triumph of principles which should regenerate all mankind.

of the south with the Irish Brigade in France and their Jacobite ballads kept them royalists still. Dublin still hoped to vindicate the Constitution of Eighty-two, but the conduct of the Cabal Government was driving them off that ground into the republican movement.

It was fitting that the North should produce the most distinguished and characteristic poem

of the period, and this was done when Dr. Donnan wrote: "When Erin First Rose from the Dark swelling Flood,"

From another of the "United Men," James Orr, we have a piece of flowing natural verse, which contains the latest life of lasting life. This is "The Irishman," which begins, "The savage loves his native shore."

was cast in a mould better suited for popularity, but the occasion was of unimportant interest. Thomas Russell's poem, "Erin's Address to Caledonia," was intended, like the last named, to draw closer the two kingdoms; it is good verse.

When Rome by dividing had conquered the world, And land after land into slavery hurled; Hibernia escaped, for 'twas Heaven's decree That Ierne, united, should ever be free.

A collection was made of the political songs, of which the first edition was published in 1798, and which had much sale in Ulster, under the name of "Paddy's Resources." It is a remarkable production, for it holds many songs, set to Irish, Scotch, and English airs, dealing with such themes as the destruction of the Bastille (to the air of the "Boyne Water") and Europe Embattled (to the air of the "Prussian Drum" or "Protestant Boys").

WHICH HAVE BECOME FAMOUS.

One is "The Wearing of the Green," the old version of which the writer obtained from oral recital in Tyrone. This piece was, however, imperfect, and may be made up of two—the second being "The Green upon the Cap." The "Shan Van Vocht," on the other hand, seems to have been always kept to the front.

On the other hand, the basis of the old Gaelic nation do not seem to have found any inspiration in this movement, which convulsed what was still the Pale for them. However, a few ballads in Gaelic have been put in print from O'Daly's collection, and probably there are others yet unpublished. One of the published three refers to Sleive-na-moun and is simple in its statement. One is by a Cork bard, Michael O'Longuin, and gives us the dramatic conception of an insurgent dead in Wexford speaking a message from the grave to a surviving comrade, and bidding him remind his Southern friends that, though abandoned and forgotten, he fought and fell.

Like sunshine adorning the dew-white mead Through clouds of the morning on the Slight Red Steed.

Nothing more different in manner and spirit can well be imagined than the practical political verse of most of the poetry of the period, full of enthusiasm as it was, and these Southern Gaelic ballads. The authors of these, with intuitive artistic insight, took the subject as masters and invested it with the ethereal vesture of poetry, with human and spiritual interest.

RIGHT REV. MGR. FARRELLY.

THE RIGHT REV. MGR. FARRELLY, of Belleville, Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Kingston, and administrator of it since the death of the late Archbishop Cleary, preached a touching sermon on the deceased prelate in St. Michael's Church, Belleville, on Sunday last.



Michael's Church, Belleville, on Sunday last. In eloquent language he dwelt on the brilliant career of the great prelate, on the saintliness of his character, the ripeness of his scholarship, his profundity as a theologian, and his intrepidity as a champion of Catholic principles.

MRS. DANIEL FITZPATRICK.

In a pretty home on York avenue, New Brighton, Richmond, lives Mrs. Daniel Fitzpatrick, who is over one hundred years old. She is known to all as 'Mother' Fitzpatrick. She makes her home with her youngest daughter.

One of the surprising things about this centenarian is the fact that she delights in reading, and she reads without glasses.

Mother Fitzpatrick was born in the town of Porto Bello, county Roscommon, Ireland, on Christmas eve, 1797.



Her maiden name was Bridget Croughron. When twenty-four years old she married Fitzpatrick. In 1847 Mrs. Fitzpatrick and her family set sail for America, but in a terrible storm the vessel was driven upon the northern coast of England. Many lives were lost and Mrs. Fitzpatrick could not be persuaded to cross the Atlantic for over two years thereafter.

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O'Higgins seems like a queer name for a Chilian warship, but the man thus honored was a native of the southern republic and a fighter for it as well. His father, Ambrose O'Higgins, was born in Ireland in 1730, but while still a youth found it convenient for one or another of the reasons so numerous in that period to go abroad.

IRISH NATIONAL FORESTERS.

The men of '98 did in Ireland, at that time, what every dozen Englishmen would do to day under similar circumstances, and what we to day would gladly do again if the scandalous license of Castlereagh's soldiery were sanctioned by Mr. Balfour (cheers).

Depopulation, Poverty and Decay.

I, for one, would be still of the party of '98—that is, a party who reject the influence of even the best British politicians, and of all of them, in Irish domestic affairs (cheers). I can say for all the Irishmen that I know, and I think, they will never be English, even for all the gold of the Empire. We are 'Paddies evermore,' and, except in the unity of the one true faith, nothing shall amalgamate us with any other race or nation (cheers).

He was but one of many fathers who were convinced that to give one's life in defence of the liberties of the people, in the protection of their homes, of their families, is a noble sacrifice—(cheers)—and every Father Murphy in Ireland, or out of it, to day feels that British politicians have no more moral sanction for continuing their muddling management of our domestic affairs than Germans would have, had they captured the House of Commons, to make laws for England.

FATHER MURPHY CARRIED HIS "PIKE" IN '98

The toast was enthusiastically received, and was briefly responded to by Mr. T. Scanlon. During the evening Mr. Davitt presented Brothers Fox and Morris with a handsome silver medal each in recognition of their services to the branch. Mr. Davitt said he desired to express to the recipients of the medals the hearty esteem of all the members of the branch (cheers). He thought these mementoes would be an incentive to Brothers Fox and Morris to carry on their good work.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN PEMBROKE.

The St. Patrick's day celebration in Pembroke was ushered in with imposing religious ceremonies in the Catholic Cathedral. The great building was thronged, and solemn Pontifical High Mass was sung by his Lordship, the Right Rev. N. Z. Lorrain, with Rev. Father Nolan as deacon and Rev. Father French as subdeacon, Rev. Father La Duc of Cap-pau being assistant priest. Prof. Wahl and his splendid choir did themselves credit in the glorious music furnished on the occasion.

He took his text from Ecclesi. Chap. 12, v. 11: "This day shall be for a memorial to you and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord in your generation, with an everlasting observance." St. Patrick's Day is ever new, ever an anniversary, ever a feast. It does not lose by the lapse of years, nor by the succession of generations, its memories as fresh, its associations as beloved, its enthusiasm as enthralling, as if capturing as ever Mother Church has preserved the history of the triumph of 'Atherland and the affectionate Irish heart its purity on twice the present with the past. The preacher, after showing the attachment and fidelity of the Irish race to Church and country, paid a high compliment to the fair minded, broad viewed and intelligent people of all creeds and nationalities of this happy and prosperous town of Pembroke, and trusted that all would continue to work harmoniously together to safeguard the interests of the dear Little Shamrock, the emblem of Irish faith, with the patient perseverance of the ke-nayed beaver, the emblem of its adopted and hospitable country.

In the evening the Town Hall was crowded to the doors, and the concert given under the auspices of the Catholic Order of Foresters was in every way a decided success. His Lordship, the Bishop and Rev. Fathers La Tulippe, Nolin, French and R. Mand (Belleville) and Kirnan were present and occupied seats at the front. Rev. Dr. Byrne was also present. Mayor Murray took the chair promptly, and after dwelling for a short time on Irish history and the day which was being celebrated, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see that although the town was crowded all day, there was not the slightest sign of intemperance. He counselled all to remember the teachings of the great Father Matthew. The band then gave a very fine overture, and it was indeed a pleasure to note the great progress they have made under the tuition of Mr. Jenks. We now have a really fine band.

The band opened the second part by a splendid selection, and while preparations were being made for the presentation of the operetta, "The Irish May Day," Prof. Wahl played a selection of Irish airs on the piano. The operetta was splendidly given; the manner in which the boys and girls spoke out their parts, and the harmonious way in which they rendered the beautiful Irish melodies—in solo, duet, trio, quartette and chorus, reflected great credit on their trainers, Prof. Wahl and Father La Tulippe. Mr. T. O'Brien, too, sang and acted well.

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