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HISTORY OF MAN WHO WAS DOYEN OF IRISH AGITATORS.

Friend and Foe of O'Connell and Prime Minister of Victoria-Worked With D'Arcy McGee-End of the Young Irelanders-Goethe Was Duffy's Model-Glimpses of Great Men.

Death has removed the doyen of Trish agitators in the person of Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, at the age of eighty-seven years. The friend and foe of O'Connell, the intimate of Carlyie, the colleague of D'Arcy McGee, the young Irelander of Uister, the Prime Minister of Victoria, this is the career brought to mind by the mention of Duffy's name. Though it cannot be said of him that he was as great as O'Connell, O'Leary, or Davis, he made up for the lack of pure genius by a streak of common sense which won for him fame and riches in a new country, while many Death has removed the doyen of sense which won for him fame and riches in a new country, while many of bis friends, worn out in early middle age by their heroic struggles for the land of their birth, died in hopeless exile. Three young men working side by side in the dingy little office of The Dublin Nation; three strong-hearted Irishmen, a Canadian Minister of Agriculture, an Amparican general, a Victorian Premier—here are McGee, Meagher, and Duffy, 'the stones rejected by the builders.' One of them died at the Duffy, 'the stones rejected by the bufflers.' One of them died at the assessin's hand on the streets of Ottawa, cut off suddenly at the height of his career, the other, the inferior intellect of the three lives to receive a knighthood from his Sovereign, as a recognition of his service to the Empire.

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Worked With McGee.

Charles Gavan Duffy was born of well-to-do Roman Catholic parents, in Monaghan, in the year 1816. The grim tragedy of '98 was fresh in the minds of Irishmen in those days, and as the boy grew, he drank in hatred of English rule with every breath. An early inclination to literature pointed out his path for him. White a mere stripling he took an active part in an election against a landlord, and as a result some of his father's property was confiscated. Gavan went to Dublin, and became sub-editor of a paper when 20 years old. Five years later he was already prominent in the seething discontent of the time. Young Duffy was a worker, and though his newspapar duties might well have kept him busy, he read for the bar during his spare hours. In 1842 he took the step upon which depended the whole of his future career. With Davis, one of the brightest names in the history of Ireland, and Dillon, the father of the present Nationalist, Meagher, D'Arcy McGee, and Smith O'Brien, Duffy founded The Nation, a journal devoted heart and soul to the cause of Ireland. With O'Connell their leader and idol, they toiled at the time-honored Celtic profession of agitating. Surely the atmosphere of the little newspaper office must have been fairly electrical with genius. Then came the dark days, when O'Connell, suspected of timidity by his friends, and accused to treachery by his foes, stood undecided and dumb while all Ireland waited for his call to arms. But the far-famed meeting at Clontarf was never held, and the great Liberator's sun was set. The Nation turned on him, and so did the Young Irelanders, who cried, "We'll die for Ireland." And the "mighty, magnificent, mean old man" answered with a jest: "You and I, boys, will live for Ireland."

End of Young Irelanders.

When the courts pursued the gallant young Irishmen, and McGee and Meagher fled the country, the former to glorify Canadian politics, the lattroops in the Civil War, Duffy alone escaped exile. He languished in jail for nine months, and on his release carried on the old campaign for six years, in Parliament and out of it. But failure, famine, and depopulation had taken the heart out of those who dully listened to him, and then Duffy decided to shake the dust of the Emerald Isle from his shoes forever. In "My Life in Two Hemispheres" he says of his leaving: "I determined to quit Irelanc."

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I could no longer promise the fering people relief; and to wit injustice without curb and wiwithout remedy would render life painful. An Ireland where epainful. An Ireland where Mr.
Keogh typified patriotism and Dr.
Cullen the Church was an Ireland
in which I could not live." So he
went to Australia, and rose in Vitoria as McGee rose in Canada. Ar
ter having been Prime Minister, he
accepted the position of Speaker in
the Legislature, which office he held
for some years, finally retiring to
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Goethe became his idol. He constluded that true philosophy was best edisplayed by the great German novelist when he shut his ears to the world-clamor of the French Revolution, locked himself in his study, and wrote books. So Sir Charles for the last twenty years of his life devoted himself to literature. Chief among his publications are "Young Lower Warrs of Irish His. among his publications are "Young Ireland," "Four Years of Irish His tory," "League of the North and South," "My Life in Two Hemispheres." The best society in Europe was open to him; success in Europe was open to him; success in the new country had healed the wound of failure in the old. His declining years must have been the happiest in his life. Once he wrote to a friend that he was weary of mew countries, and "longed for the green pastures where we wandered of old."

Glimpses of Great Men.

It has been said of him that he was utterly incapable of appreciating O'Connell's denunciation of slavery in the United States, that he was a niggard in his praise of the devoted men who took up his task when he laid it down, that he was to paraphrase Orsini, "a prince is swords, a beggar in action."

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when Duffy found the Irish Tenant League, when he defeated the Chief Secretary for Ireland, when he initi-ated the present system of indepen-dent Opposition in the House of Commons, surely he was the man of Commons, surely he was the man of action. His writings show him at his best. He has the pollsh of the literary man, the easy charm of the cosmopolitan. His pages abound in charming biographical tit-bits of the great men of the century. We are introduced to Bright, Browning, Carlyle, Disraeli, Gladstone, Peel, Mill, Macaulay, Forster, Newman, Manning, and Thackeray. Tom Moore went to see him one day, and is described as "A little middle-aged man, with pleasant smile and lively described as "A little middle-sgd man, with pleasant smile and lively gyes, but of a countenance far from comely, and so elaborately dressed that the primrose gloves which he wore fid not seem out of harmony with the splendor of his attire." The last of the Young Irelanders has passed away, a grey-haired old man, but his memory will long be kept green on two continents.

Eccentric Numbering.

Houses are not numbered according to Houses are not numbered according to their sequence in Japan, but according to the order of their erection. That is to say, No. 72 may adjoin No. 1, with No. 102 on the opposite side. No. 2 is probably a mile down the street. The city of Tokio is made up of thirteen hundred and thirty streets, in which are three hundred and eighteen thousand three hundred and twenty houses. These houses are divided up into fifteen wards. three hundred and twenty houses. These houses are divided up into fifteen wards. If a street passes through more than one ward the houses are numbered according to the wards in which they are—that is, a street passing through six wards will possess six number ones. It would be like hunting for a needle in a hay-stack for a stranger to try to find a number in Tokio, but a jinrikisha driver knows the position and number of almost every one of the houses in Tokio. He is able to do this by having made this business the one study of his life.

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"Oh, may the eve of life be sweet
And fails fair ending of the day,
And may we in Heaven's morning
No more 'Good night!' to say,"

Interesting Facts Compiled by a Prisone

of letters, words, verses, etc., con-tained in the Bible have been count tained in the Bible have been counted, but by whom, when or where, is
not generally known. "Treat's publication, entitled "Curiosities of the
Eible," speaks of the occurrence as
being of Spanish origin, and that
the Prince of Granada, fearing
usurption, caused the arrest of the
supposed would-be usurper, and by
order of the Spanish crown he was
thrown into an old prison called the order of the Spanish town thrown into an old prison called the place of skulls, situated in Madrid, where he was confined for 33 years, with no other companion than the rats, mice and other vermin that fre quented his dismal cell.

nail. When his work was discovered he was jurnished with writing utensils and ordered to make a copy of the results of his long and tedious task, and, on its being completed, he finally received his liberty.

The following is a correct copy of his great work.

The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 773,746 words, 31,173 verses, 1,195 chapters and 66 books.

The word and occurs 10,684 times.

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The word and occurs 10,684 times, the word Lord 1,853 times, the word Jehovah 6,855 lines, and the word reverend but once, which is in the ninth verse of the 111th Psalm.

The middle verse is the eighth verse of the 118th Psalm. The 21st verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet, except the letter j.

The finest chapter to read is the

ra contains all the letters of the alphabet, except the letter j.

The finest chapter to read is the 26th chapter of the Acts of the Aposties. The most beautiful chapter is the 23rd Psalm. The 19th chapter of II. Kings, and the 37th chapter of Isaiah are allke.

The four most inspiring promises are to be found in the sixth chapter of St. John, 37th verse, and 14th chapter, second verse; also 11th chapter of St. Matthew, 28th verse, and the 37th Psalm, fourth verse.

The longest verse is the ninth verse eighth chapter of Esther. The shortest verse is the 35th verse, 11th chapter of St. John.

There are 10 chapters in the book of Esther, in which the words, Lord and God do not occur. The 8th, 15th, 21st and 31st verses of the 107th Psalm are alike. Each verse of the 136th Psalm are alike.

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Lime and the Land.

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door, their fresh voices sweet and clear, ag back my youth once more.

And when our little prayers were said, We sang again our evening song— The song that mother always led— Unheard, ah me! so long!

Long, long ago the song was sung, For the last time at mother's kneed And though we are no longer young, "Tls fresh in memory.

Forget it? Never, while I live,
Can I that dear old song forget!
Of all the memoits years can give,
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—Eben E. Rexford.

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