

## IRELAND.

BY SISTER MARY COLUMBA.

## I.

Eastward a land is lying  
On the breast of the sunny deep;  
And round it the winds are sighing,  
And o'er it the rain-clouds weep;  
Patriots died to save it  
From the grasp of the foeman's hand,  
And sages and saints have loved it,  
This glorious eastern land.

## II.

Brave are the hearts which ever  
Throb with a love sincere,  
For that Emerald Isle which never  
Bore son who was slave to fear;  
Strong in her years of sorrow;  
Calm in the long time pain,  
She hopes for a brighter morrow  
To dawn on her hills again.

## III.

Ever our thoughts are turning  
Eastward to where she lies,  
And our patriot hearts are burning,  
For the dawn glow on Freedom's skies,  
We cling to this life still hoping  
Its roseate light will break  
In all its soft effulgence  
O'er valley and stream and lake.

## III.

This eastern land is Ireland,  
The land of the Gael and green,  
Our grand and glorious Ireland,  
The nation's matchless queen;  
She has borne the weight of sorrow,  
Deep in the emerald heart;  
She waits for a better morrow  
That will bid all her woes depart.

## THE TRUE WITNESS APPRECIATED.

## Encouraging the Mother Tongue.

In the November number of *The Owl*, the ably edited and universally admired Ottawa University Magazine, we find the following rather flattering appreciation of THE TRUE WITNESS. We reproduce it, in order to again call the attention of our colleges and universities to the offer made some time ago, in these columns, and advantage of which we hope will be taken by our Catholic Educational institutions. Thus speaks *The Owl*—

In THE TRUE WITNESS of October 26th, an editorial entitled, "For College Students," has attracted considerable attention among the professors and students of the University. And for two good reasons does it not only deserve their attention but also their serious consideration: First, because it shows that at least one Catholic journalist has found space in its editorial columns to say a word concerning Catholic colleges. Secondly, because the editor therein offers to reserve a column each week for well written essays from college students. We have often wondered at the silence of our English-speaking Catholic journalists on college matters and have come to the conclusion that unless they consider this beyond their scope, they are to be charged with grave negligence. At any rate, they seem to devote all their energies to the cause of Catholic education in the lower schools, while the most they can do for our colleges is to notice the commencement exercises in some out of the way corner of their paper. Judging, however, of the kindly offer of THE TRUE WITNESS, that paper seems willing to make amends for the past, and proceeds in the same issue to make good its promise by publishing an essay entitled a "System of Education" written by a student of the University. Now, this offer to publish good English essays from college students, cannot be too much commended, for it encourages that practical work in English, which, we are sorry to say, is neglected by too many students in both Catholic and Protestant institutions. We are aware that there are those who will not appreciate the proposal made by THE TRUE WITNESS, but there are those who do not understand the necessities of the age; they are those who consider not what a student knows but what he has studied. From the editor of the TRUE WITNESS will not even receive a thank you for his liberality. Had he offered a scholarship in every Catholic college in Canada for the best Latin essay on some philosophical subject, his action would have been lauded throughout the length and breadth of the land, and his name would have been placed among those of the foremost benefactors of Catholic education. But we are of the opinion that he has done something far more commendable. He has done something to encourage the practical study of English. For too long have our college students devoted themselves to foreign languages at the expense of their mother tongue, and too long have our college graduates boasted of being

equally conversant with English, French and Latin, when in reality they were unable to write a good sentence in any one of these languages. This is certainly a very undesirable state of affairs and one which calls for the immediate action of our Catholic educators. It is our intention to return to the subject in the near future, when we shall deal with it at some length. Meanwhile, we can only say that the editor of the TRUE WITNESS has made a move in the right direction and has shown that he not only sees the defect in our higher education, but that he is willing to practically aid in its removal.

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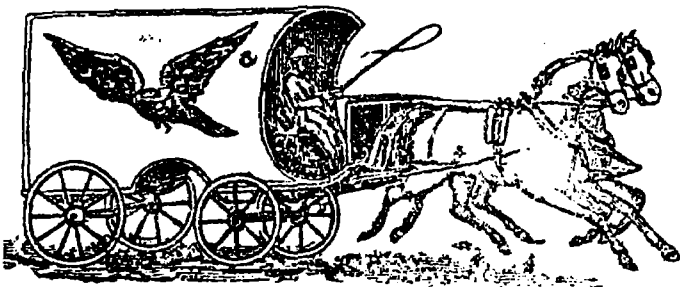
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