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## THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

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"Litany" is a Greek word, signifying humble and devout supplication or fer-vent prayer, addressed to God, His Mother, or the saints. For this reason, and from the fact that our litanies all begin with the Greek invocation Kyrie deison (which is likewise repeated at Holy Mass, three times in honor of God the Father, three times in honor of God the Holy Ghost), many authors come to the conclusion that the recitation of litanies originated in the Greek Catholic Church. Others, and not a few, consider it as an evidence that the litanies came down to us from the Apostles, who first preached in the East, where the Greek language was prevalent in Apostolic times. They even extend their claim specifically to the Litany of the Blessed Vir-gin, which, as Father Quarte says, is so very ancient that it has been proved to have been publicly in use in the Church long before the birth of the callest writer to whom it has ever been attributed. He, therefore, thinks that the Apostles are the authors of it; while Clericatus, another very competent authority, is of opinion that it was composed immediately after the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to excite the devotion of the Faith ful to God's own Powerful Mother. Some ascetic writers forther endorse this idea by saying that the first form of the Litany Speaking of the natural leaders of the Irish people, it is a curious fact that among Mr. Parnell's supporters, in Parliament or out, to-day there is but a single repre-sentative of the ancient Celtic mobility... The O'Gorman Mahon...writes a London correspondent of the New York Times. A nobleman indeed he is...nearly 90 years of age, yet tall, erect, active, hearty, with the nose of a Caesar and piercing blue eyes, which flash as proudly now as they did sixty years ago, when he second-ed Daniel O'Connell's nomination in Clare. But the O'Gorman is alone. Among his colleagues, it is true, there ere Egypt, and the brave Canadian boys who uphold the honor of Canada in the frozen regions of the north, before they gather for some desperate charge, gave one lingering look towards some English, Scottish or Canadian home, some little Irish shieling far up the mountain sides, where the dear ones at home are praying for the brave lads who have loved them, and who, they know, will win the day for their Queen and country or die, as becomes men of their race, with their face to the field and their feet to the foe. Well, notwith standing the vast expanse of fertile ful to God's own Powerful Mother. Some ascetic writers further endorse this idea by saying that the first form of the Litany originated in the Council of Jerusalem, in the year of Our Lady's Assumption. Others find its origin in the closing sen-tence of the first session of the famous Council of Ephesus, held in 431; that session of the twenty-second of June adjourned with the following prayer: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Creator, Mother of the Redeemer, Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us."

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Creator, Mother of the Redeemer, Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us." There is scarcely a doubt as to the East-ern origin of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, as any one at all familiar with the picturesque and flowery imagery of the East will readily perceive when lovingly repeating the beautiful titles bestowed on our Blessed Mother. Many of them have an Old Testament flavor, indicative of the same origin. For instance, "Tower of David, Tower of Ivory, House of Gold, Ark of the Covenant." Other titles breathe the poetical imagination of Southern climes, e. g., "Mystical Rose, Gate of Heaven, Morning Star." Hence we rather indine to the opinion of Father Ginther, who traces the origin of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin to Nazareth and Loretto--the house of the Holy Family, now called "Santa Casa," or Holy House of Loretto. No doubt early Chris-tians made many a pilgrimage to the and has assumed the hame because, four generations back, an ancestress of his was an O'Neill. But as THE DIRECT LINE IS GONE, with all its Tyrone, Dungannon and Ray-mond titles, the last of which lapsed thirty years ago, there is none to dispute with him the proud "Tue." He is a baron (Lord O'Neill), a Protestant and bigoted Tory, like most of the Antrin aristocracy. The O'Brien (Lord Inchiquin) has straighter descent from the Kings of Munster, for the name comes directly by the male line from the old Thomond family, but he is scarcely the more an Irishman in spiri for it. The O'Conor Don, the historic and lineal heir of Rory, King of Connaught, is the poor, spiritless, place hunter, hanging upon the skirts of the Liberal government and privy coun-cilorship, who was so overwhelmingly beaten by Thomas Sexton in Sigo, awhile ago. The fourth of these septs, the Mc-durroughs, kings of Leinster, have had an evil name in Ireland for enturies. It was the petition of Dermot McMurrough, unable to cope siggle-handed with Rory o'Connor, which through the Norman crew—Strongbow and the rest—first to Ireland, and to Irish belief the curse of that misfortune has rested on the family is without hands or feet. He was in the last House, I believe, where a servant used to fetch and carry him, as in the cars of Alexander H. Stephens. He is an able name, but THE CURSE OF THE M'MURROUGHS is on him as it has been on all the name of the sept) from generation.

of this western enchantress not to enter within her borders; she mats a glamor upon all who do so, and makes them per-petually her slaves. It was aid of the Norman nobles who were sent to conquer Ireland that they became so enchanted with the beauty of the green isle, the loveliness of the women, and the bravery of the men, that they became more like, the loveliness of the women, and the bravery of the men, that they became more like, the loveliness of the women, and the bravery of the men, that they became more like, the loveliness of the women, and the bravery of the men, that they became more like, the loveliness of the women and the bravery of the men, that they bo do so will have as pleasant a trip as I have had, and leave the country with as many pleasant and kind recollections. LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN. LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN. Lucid History of the Lovely Litany. Its Origin and Formation. Not a few of the invocations of which the Litany''s composed have an historical value and remind us of great events con-covingtons, kENTUCKY. "Litany'' is a Greek word, signifying humble and devout supplication or fer-vent prayer, addressed to God, His and from the fact that our litanies all begin with the Greek invocation Kyrie degin (Thick is likewing reacted at Help of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception to be an article of Faith. By decree of degin (Thick is likewing reacted at help of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception to be an article of Faith. By decree of degin (Thick is likewing reacted at Help of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception to be an article of Faith. By decree of degin (Thick is likewing reacted at Help of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception to be an article of Faith. By decree of degin (Thick is likewing reacted at Help of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception to be an article of Faith. By decree of degin (Thick is likewing reacted at Help of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception to be an article of Faith. By decree of degin selves the right of adding to or changing it. Not a few of the invocations of which the Litany is composed have an historical value and remind us of great events con-nected with the Church. Thus "Help of Christians, pray for us," was added to it by Pope St. Plus V., in thanksgiving for the triumph at Lepanto in 1571; Gregory XVI., in 1840, enriched it with the title "Queen conceived without original sin;" and this appelation was solemnly con-firmed by Pope Plus IX, when he declared the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception to be an article of Faith. By decree of July 18, 1675, the members of the Con-fratenity of the Holy Rosary were gran-ted the privilege of adding at the end of the Holy Rosary, pray for us"—an invocation which our reigning Pontiff Leo XIII. lately made obligatory, and extended to the whole Catholic world. In all the churches of the Carme-lite Order, the Holy See allows the addi-tional prayer, "Queen of Mt. Carmel, pray for us," Finally, in 1651, the Reverend M. Ohier, superior and founder of Saint Sulpice, obtained from Pope Innocent X for all the seminaries under the direction of the priests of that Congregation, the favor of adding to the Litany of Loretto the beautiful invocation, "Queen of the Clergy, pray for us."—Are Maria.

### THE FRIENDS OF THE BIBLE.

History is a slow, painstaking, but trust-worthy j rryman. It takes him a few cen-turies to decide upon a verdict, but once it is given there is no setting it aside. All the Froudes of many generations could not change a letter of it, though backed by the whole little world. And History is now preparing to render his verdict in the case of Luther and others against the Everlasting Church. Three hundred and fifty years ago the stout champion of Lutheran private judgment and good beer made out an indictment f gainst the Church, in the matter of her treatment of the Sacred Writings, with the following counts: That she had corrupted the teachings of the Bible. Thet her downers mere notorignal con-

the Bible. That her dogmas were notoriously con-tradicted by the Bible. That she was afraid to let the common people read the book which told so heavily against her. That she was the most deadly enemy of the Sacred Book, and would destroy it if she could. Four propositions which the

She could. Four propositions which the best talent of the world has defended for nearly four centuries, and in a Pickwickian serse, still defends

Against these charges the Church made answer by denying the whole set, and then contemptuously left schism and her-esy to tear each other to pieces in the vain effort to sustain their own case. The Protestants made the Bible the corner-stone of their belief and practice, their watchword, banner, and artillery. They alone respected and lowed the Book. If gave them all their spiritual food, overturned Romanism and converted the heathen. It was cherished as infallble. It could make a mistake no more than the Pope. History was a little staggered, perhaps, by the warmth of the affection lavished on the book, and looked askance at the moderate, quiet respect which the Church paid it. Time is the tost of affection. The pre-sent century offers a different spectacle from that of the sixteenth, and it is now very easy to know the real friends of the Bible. Against these charges the Church made

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where you can have every variety of soin, and man, and salubrious climate, where you can obtain an honourable independ-ence on the cheapest and easiest terms. Montesquieu tells us that the lands which a man inhabits, the air he breathes, the mountains and rivers which are his maintheouse, the clima and all the im the mountains and rivers which are his neighbours, the clime and all the im-pressions which result from it—in a word, the external world—exercises upon him the greatest influence. He says:—"Give

devotedly attached. Brooding over her loss, he would not be comforted, although many a fair consoler offered to supply her place. With the enterprising and adventurous spirit of his race, he deter-mined to follow her into the celestial, as Orpheus did his bride into the tropical regions. Accordingly he consulted a famous medium, who was armed with all the powers of modern mystical science, and by the process of what is termed materialization she stood in all her pris-tine beauty before him. The interview was very tender and touching, and can be better imagined than described. At length he enquired as to the intellectual culture of the inhabitants of the celestial abode, whether the writings of Ralph THE MODERN IRISH CHIEFS. DEGENERACY AND SUBSERVIENCE TO BRITAIN OF THE DESCENDENTS OF ANCIENT CELTIC NOBILITY,

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Among his colleagues, it is true, there are O'Connors, McCarthys, an O'Kelly, and an O'Brien, but they are all of the people, with no claim to represent the people.

generations back, an ancestress of his was an O'Neill. But as

religing the sequence as to the construction culture of the inhabitants of the celestial abode, whether the writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Oliver Wendell Holmes were particularly brighter and whether the system of lectures was in consonance with the civilization of the age. Receiving satisfactory replies, he enquired as to the surroundings of the celestial city. In a tone of mingled happiness and regret, she told him it was beautiful exceedingly, so beautiful that the imagination could not conceive nor the tongue describe it, but she said, of course, it is not Boston. Well, one touch of nature makes the whole world kin. There is some spot on earth which

kin. There is some spot on earth which is our home, some little hut among the bushes which is dearer to us than the

whole world besides; and I venture to say that to day the brave hearts from the Severn and the Clyde and from the

the Severn and the Clyde and from the banks of the Shannon who uphold the honor of England on the hot sands of Egypt, and the brave Canadian boys who uphold the honor of Canada in the frozen regions of the north, before they gathered themselves together for some desperate charge, gave one lingering look towards some English, Scotlish or Canadian home, some little Irish shieling far up the mountain sides, where the dear ones

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the place the North-West will occupy in history. It must, of necessity, be a great one. I was forced to come to the conclusion that in that country we had a land where many millions of THE TOILERS AND PROLETARIANS

of the old country could find happy homes; and I have great authorities for coming to this conclusion. Their Excel-lencies Lord Dufferin and the Marquis of Lorne specially studied this country with a view of understanding its capabil ities for colonization and settlement, and they were convinced that it was admir ably adapted for both. Then the members of the British Association who vis-ited that country last fall, tell us the same story; then every member of our House who has gone there confirms their statements. A gentleman of my own acquaintance, who, for twenty years, was a member, Mr. John Mather, of whose in-tegrity, judgment, and reliability there can be no doubt, has assured me those statements are literally correct; and when I was in the North West I formed the acquaintance of a gentleman whose name is a household word through that region, and who, I believe, has done us yeoman service during this emergency. Mr. Taylor, the American consul at Win nipeg, who assured me, as he has assured the public in his speeches and writings, that in that great North West we have the wheat fields of the world. I was orced to come to the conclusion that in forced to come to the conclusion that in that country we have a land of which the Dominion may be proud. It is a land inhabited by a people in the very flow er of manhood; the very flower of the Can-adian people ; a land where the weather is at times exceedingly cold, but at the same time bracing and healthy; whose inhabitants bear upon their countenance the impress of its healthfulness, whose women are noted for their lovely and rosy complexions, and whose men are rosy complexions, and whose men are pictures of ruddiness and manhood. I told them I thought in that healthy and bracing climate they had discovered the fountain of perpetual youth which Ponce de Leon sought so long in vain. It is a land where a man of moderate means and where a man of moderate means

mus; but THE CURSE OF THE SIMURNOUTHS is on him as it has been on all the Karangchs (the other and incontrover tible name of the sept) from that each of health, calling her "Health of the sept) from generation is now years a different spectral product and product and the sept from the spectral from the spectral minor, yet famous families, many have lost their tribal line of chiefs. The O'Donnell'sidentity is forgetten in Spin Lord Cayen (the O'Reilly) and Eari (Cancary (The McCarty Mory are till as adead as those of the Pale; the clan dignities of the O'Reilly, and Eari (Laborious) in France or Austin. Earing of Mary's ascred shrine. Barred of the Gillamora, petty landithe, so of Mary's ascred shrine. Barred in the fried and in SSI and the spin of the search of the solution of the source at constituent the insides well as the outside wills one bious or prosting association the inside swells and win-dignities of the O'Reilly. The McCart Mory are the solution of the covered at one time the inside swells of the Based Vision and the spare the list is and wine in the inside and the spare of Austin. Bard of the statistic that such inserptions are dimensioned the solutions opiced many of those weits the outside wills of the Loreto House, Viscount Guillamora, and thray in that city. Trainad and in ISSI and list period. Speaker Ponznhy, who got the availaged in the fried and the spare one of the existence at present member for The O'Callaghan is another nables on the order is sung errory night in the Basis the source of the share. The McGillienddy of the Reeks is and government hanger on. The O'Donegita master, and marying the daughter. Speaker Ponznhy, who got the earlow the source thanger for the first state and present member for The O'Callaghan is another nables on the order spare at present member for The O'Callaghan is another hanger on the first state and the source at the share as a solution of the source at the st

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the Litary as we have it to day. They also guarded it against possible. errors of faith or mysticism, which the enthusiastic devotion of an ignorant people might un-wittingly introduce into it, and which it would be next to impossible to correct in after vars.

after years. This much is certain, that the Litany of This much is certain, that the Litany of the Blessed Virgin has been known and celebrated throughout Christendom for centuries. It has not only been translated into all languages, but Catholic piety has sought to immortalize it by sculpturing it in stone, as in St. Marcellus' Church, Rome, and in the Grotto of Lourdes, Corner's Creek, Michigan ; by painting it around the cornice of our temples, as at La Forte, Bertrand, France ; by tracing it all in gold and azure letters, as on the

La Forte, Bertrand, France ; by tracing it all in gold and azure letters, as on the ceiling of the Great Chartreuse, Grenoble; by fixing it on chapel walls in never fad-ing and universally known emblems all over the world. Many Popes have approved the Litany of the Virgin Mary, and allowed it to be read and sung at the divine Office. Sixtus V. in 1587, and Benedict XIII., in 1728, encouraged the recital of it, by granting to the Faithful who performed this act of devotion an indulgence of two hundred days, which Pius VII. increased in 1817 to three hundred days. The Church often orders it to be read in times of public calamities as did our Holy Father Leo XIII. in 1883, and again this year.

shape which it has to day. That she preserved the Book from the sacrilegious tinkering which it has received in modern times, and handed it down as the men of God wrote it.

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she taught. And they will learn a few more startling things if they give their minds an airing in Catholic regions of thought. The book which Protestantism and its progeny, the school of Tubingen, has been using as a football these few centuries back is not the Bible at all, but a wretched impostor, the Cagliostro of books, going about the world to add to the number of fools. The real Bible, the sacred utterances of the Holy Spirit, like the dove in the

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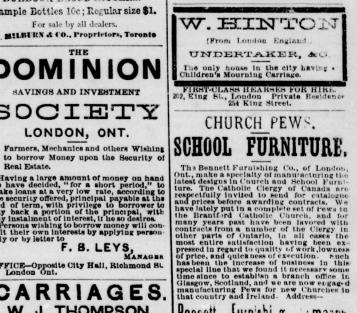
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