

soldiers laid in dense masses. These masses are the best evidences of what manner of men they were, who pressed on to death with the dauntlessness of a race which has gained glory on a thousand fields and which never more richly deserved it than in that grand cause of Columbia.

"It is not only to the rank and file, who poured out their blood so lavishly on so many fields of glory that the pen of the historian is confined in dealing with the Irish influence, but we find Meade, McClellan, Sheridan, Corcoran and 'Stonewall' as evidences that North and South equally appreciated the military genius and enthusiasm of of the exiled Irish race.

"It is hardly necessary to allude to what the Irish have contributed to the ecclesiastical calling, as each and all of us are deeply impressed with the facts. Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishops Ireland, Ryan and Quigley are but a few of the exalted types of eminence and distinction, to say nothing of the Irish priests as a body. A more zealous, faithful and efficient clergy can be found in no other country on the globe than in our fair Columbia.

"Literature and art are but in their infancy among us, but in what we have, Irish wit and skill are not altogether unknown. The names of Francis Ryan, the poet priest of the south, Thomas D'Arcy McGee and Maurice Egan are but a few of the brightest stars from the glorious Irish constellation which attest that Irish origin is by no means an obstacle to the possessions of the gifts of Minerva and Apollo.

"If we want examples of generosity, where shall we look for them if not among the Irish in America, what unbounded, what unlimited liberality do not the Irish of Columbia possess? Even day laborers and servants have sent millions of dollars as aid to their friends and relatives in the "Old Country" and aside from this enormous outflow, the Irish out of their poverty have raised schools, convents, yes and cathedrals, which are not only the wonder and admiration of the American people.

"So it is, were we to dissect each of the five great phases of our national life, we would find in them, no more brilliant lights than those of Irish origin, who not only have a love for the native land of their ancestors, but who have a truer, a fonder love for the greatest, the freest Republic the world has ever known, not only are th