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## Glimpses of Picturesque Ireland.

(John O'Callaghan, in the Boston Globe.)

Few indeed of the Irish cities, checked as has been the history of most of them, can surpass in historic interest or in antiquity the fine old city of St. Canice, by the Nore, the "City of Confederation." At every stage in Ireland's age-long struggle for National Liberty, at every crisis in the nation's centuries-old contest against alien domination, the stalwart old city of Kilkenny has proudly shaken its locks and taken its stand on Ireland's side in the battle.

### A MONUMENT TO THE UNCONQUERABLE SPIRIT.

Although like many of the other ancient Irish cities, much of its former glory has departed, although the grandeur and spirituality which will forever link its name with Ireland's historic past may not to-day be quite so apparent as in the ages gone by, Kilkenny still stands out, a monument to the unconquerable spirit of the Irish nation, and a proof that the sublime faith and nationality of a people can, despite every trial and trouble, still remain unchangeable and unconquered.

The lovely Nore glides by as placidly, and the echoes ring out from the old belfry at St. Canice's to-day as sweetly as they did more than two centuries and a half ago, when the tramp of armed men awoke the echoes of Kilkenny, in welcoming the Pappanico, Rinnuccini, when he went as the special representative of Pope Innocent X. to offer succor and assistance to the struggling Irish nation.

### THE LAST ORGANIZED EFFORT OF THE CATHOLICS TO THROW OFF THE YOKE OF THE OPPRESSOR.

Within its walls was planned the last great and concerted stand against the wiles and threats of Britain by the marshaled forces of the Irish hierarchy and clergy, side by side with the Catholic aristocracy, who sacrificed everything, even their lives, in the effort to break the yoke of Britain. That they failed was mainly because they were too confiding in, and too trustful of, a British king, who was unworthy of their allegiance, and who, while they were shedding their blood in his support, was treating with their enemies for their destruction.

The knowledge that they had been duped and betrayed came too late to permit them to retreat; their fallen fortunes, with the result that the downfall of the "Confederation of Kilkenny" marks what was practically the last organized effort on the part of the Catholic people of Ireland, as such, to shake off the yoke of the foreign oppressor.

### THE CASTLE OF KILKENNY.

Kilkenny Castle now, as in the time of Rinnuccini, continues to be the residence of the Marquis of Ormonde, and is one of the most beautiful of the old Irish strongholds. How much of Ireland's present thraldom may be justly traced to the Marquis of Ormonde of Rinnuccini's day is a subject on which there is slight difference of opinion among Irishmen to-day. It is generally recognized that to him more than to any other man was due the failure of the Confederate plans for the emancipation of the Catholics of Ireland. But his descendants still hold the Castle of Kilkenny, and are lords of the manor, although they cannot influence the opinion of the inhabitants politically even to the extent of electing a member of the District of Urban Council, while it would be as hopeless for them to attempt to control the legislative representation of Kilkenny as it would be for the Sultan of Suva to try to run the United States.

The name of Kilkenny is derived from Oill, a church, and Caimche, or Canice, its founder, who died in 1083. Strongbow, in the twelfth century, established headquarters in Kilkenny, and erected a fort in the

## Brighter Days Dawning For Ireland. Irish Wit and Humor.

So Says Sir Horace Plunkett, Who is in the City. (By T. L. Carruthers.)

One of Ireland's prominent educationists, in the person of Sir Horace Plunkett, is in the city. Sir Horace is the guest of Principal Robertson at the MacDonald Agricultural College, at Ste. Anne de Bellevue. As is well known to Irishmen generally, he has been closely associated with the policy of the amelioration of the Irish peasantry by the promotion of land purchase under recent acts of Parliament and the transfer of the people from the more congested districts to areas where better scope is to be found for their industry.

Sir Horace, who has had a very distinguished, varied and useful career, is deeply interested in Sir William Macdonald's educational project for the dissemination of knowledge in the agricultural and rural districts by providing a thorough education for teachers. He has been for the past seven years vice-president of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, and for the previous eight years he was a member for Dublin County in the British House of Commons. His work as Commissioner on the Congested Districts Board and founder of the Irish Agricultural Organization Society is pronounced by members of all political parties to have been most beneficial in promoting the development of Irish agriculture on lines of enlightenment and progress.

Sir Horace declared his conviction that Ireland has passed through the darkest days of her history and that her sons will yet find opportunity for successful careers in their own country which they have so often proved their capacity for achieving in other lands. No doubt Ireland would obtain such measure of responsible government as would be compatible with her continued progress, and the just needs of her people.

Sir Horace, who is the third son of the sixteenth Lord Dunmoyne, is a man apparently about fifty years of age. A quarter of a century ago he was engaged, as a young man, in pursuit of ranching, and before his return he will visit Western Canada. He has been the recipient of high academic honors at Oxford, and is a Knight Commander of the Victorian Order.

### Filipino Celebration of Rosary Sunday.

A \$30,000 crown of gold, set with jewels donated by wealthy and devout Filipinos, was placed on the head of a statue of Our Lady on the Rosary last Sunday in Manila. A great open-air procession, participated in by 15,000 people, including Governor-General Smith, preceded the crowning. Msgr. Agius, the Apostolic Delegate, assisted by five Bishops, officiated at the ceremony.

### Laval Opening.

Archbishop Bruchesi, assisted by Bishop Emard, of Valleyfield, and many other clergymen, presided at the formal opening of the new term at Laval University on Wednesday evening last.

The vice-rector, the Rev. Canon Dauth, opened the proceedings with an elaborate report on the work of the past year. In his preliminary remarks he dwelt on what the Church had done for education in the past, and added: "It is our duty as professors and directors of a Catholic University to imitate the Church, our mother, this duty being one of conscience and justice. We must love science, follow it up passionately, spread it with all our might, and especially make it what it really is, the providential handmaid and auxiliary of faith. Those who imagine that reason gains everything through the wreck of belief, make a serious mistake, for God is the primordial truth from whom all knowledge flows."

Coming to the subject of the actual work done during the year, the vice-rector said that the material and intellectual aspect of the university was no less satisfactory than its moral complexion, and he summarily referred to each individual faculty. Several important additions, he said, had been made to the library. He commented with regret on the death of Sir William Hininger.

Abbe Lecoq, superior of the Sulpicians, delivered a theological address on the errors which the Pope recently condemned in an encyclical, and declared that Pius X. had set the minds of the faithful at rest by aiming a deadly blow at "modern thought," or "higher criticism." The meeting was brought to a close with a few remarks from Archbishop Bruchesi.



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"I'm sorry to say, sir, we have no poached eggs in the house, but we can give you a lovely piece of poached salmon, if it pleases your honor." Again there is the answer a Dublin car driver made when asked how many the car was supposed to hold. "Well, four if you sit 'contagiously' and six if you sit 'familiarly.'"

Humor, conscious or unconscious, is a thing that you meet everywhere in Ireland. The sly, the innocent appealing roguery is a thing that meets you on all sides, the topsy turviness, the quaintness, the odd, unexpected way of looking at things, are the very essence of gaiety in the country. It is in the face and speech of every peasant, it looks at you from the eyes of the townfolks. It makes a crowd anywhere a thing of life and gaiety, electric with laughter, responsive to everything but dullness.

In a land where they are all raconteurs the wonder is that there are any listeners. It must only be by a generous system of reciprocity. Even when they blunder their blundering, and that accounts for the so-called Irish bull. The Irish bull often contains an ellipsis like that one of the gentleman who said it would be better to be a coward for five minutes than to be a dead all your life. Even when it is a blunder it is not stupid. It proves good laughter. The following gems are taken from one day's issue of a Dublin paper:

"If punctuality is the politeness of princes then was the prince exquisite polite yesterday, for his train arrived at Clarendon twenty minutes before its time."

"Before Mr. — at the Police Court to-day, Kate Brady, aged 74, was charged with being found drunk on licensed premises. Mr. — was very severe on the publican. 'I am determined,' he said, 'to put down this sort of thing with a heavy hand. It is a shocking thing that the mothers of the race should be demoralized like this. These young girls must be protected.'"

In the same issue was an advertisement: "To be let, comfortable house of six rooms. Convenient situation. Just opposite the gates of Glasnevin Cemetery."

Discussing the Irish political situation, Pat said to his mate one morning: "Mickey," he says, "the curse of Ireland is them absent landlords." "You are right there, Pat," he returned, "the country's full of them."

Pat got a new job one day as a builder's laborer. He had mounted the ladder with his hod of brick and being unused to the work, he went walking very slowly, and with evident carelessness, on the narrow plank which led to the building operation. One of the men noticing him, said: "Why, Pat, you are surely not afraid to walk on a little plank like that?"

"Neither I am," replied Pat. "Begorra I am afraid of walking off it."

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## Cote St. Paul Church Destroyed by Fire.

The Catholic Church in the village of St. Paul was destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon, and the convent standing on the north side was so badly damaged by water that it will have to be entirely renovated before it will be fit for habitation again. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Eight years ago the handsome stone edifice, of which but four charred walls now remain, was erected at a cost of \$60,000.

The total loss, including the damage to the convent, is estimated at about \$90,000. The church building was insured for \$30,000, while the furniture and fixtures of the church were covered by a policy of \$2000. The convent, a brick edifice four stories high, is insured for \$12,000.

The fire spread so rapidly and burned so fiercely that Chief Thomas telephoned for help to Verdun and Montreal, but by the time the help arrived from Verdun and St. Henri and Ste. Genevieve wards, the building was doomed and the firemen confined their attentions to trying to save the convent, presbytery and sacristy, and were eventually successful in their efforts.

The superiors of the convent, recognizing that a panic must be avoided, quietly went through the class rooms and dismissed the 330 pupils for the day, thus, with commendable presence of mind, avoiding a stampede. The villagers then rushed in and saved the boarders' personal effects as well as the furniture.

It is the second time within ten years that the church building of St. Paul has been destroyed by fire, and the loss will go hard with the congregation, which does not exceed 650 families. On July 21, 1898, the church was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. In order to put up the structure which was destroyed on Saturday, the trustees floated a loan of \$40,000 on debentures from the Banque Provinciale, so that the insurance will merely cover the amount borrowed.

The threatened suppression of the Irish College in Paris may not, after all, take place. The college was reopened last week after the holidays.