

THE TENSES OF LIFE.

In our childhood's wistful dreaming,

In the morning of our days,
Brightly in the future gleaming
Seems the sun of pleasure's rays ;

Ardently we love to mingle

In the busy whirl of life,

Long to feel our pulses tingle

In the keen successful strife ;

Thinking, "Thus 'twill be."

In our manhood's anxious toiling,

In the noontide of our days,

All around us trouble coiling

Wrap us in an endless maze ;

All our thoughts are in the present,

How to save and how to gain,

Praying for a moment pleasant

With an hour of care and pain ;

Saying, "Thus it is."

In the thoughts of life declining,

In the evening of our days,

Far behind us seems the shining

Whereon in youth we loved to gaze ;

On the past we love to ponder,

Living o'er our lives again,

Through the maze in fancy wander,

Bright the joys seem, slight the pain ;

Sighing, "Thus it was."

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THE IRISH SAINTS.

THE following is the list of the chief Irish Saints and the days on which their festivals fall. The chief glory of Ireland is in the staunchness and fidelity with which through weal and woe, she has clung to the Catholic faith and to the chair and See of St. Peter. And her saints are those who planted the faith in her midst, and who adorned it by their holy lives. Every Irishman should know something of them : Sts. Fancha and Macha, January 1st ; St. Ita, January, 15th ; St. Furse, January 16th ; St. Nennius, January 17th ; St. Deicolus, January 18th ; St. Fechin, January 20th ; Sts. Maccolain and Foranand, January 21st ; St. Maidoc, January 31st ; Sts. Bridget and Kinia, February 1st ; St. Tresian, February 7th ; St. Attracta, February 9th ; St. Modomnock, February 13th ; Sts. Loman, Forchern and Fintan, February 17th ; Sts. Kiaran, Ida, Breaca, Menomon and Germoke, March 5th ; St. Fridolin, March 6th ; Sts. Senan and Psalmód, March 8th ; St. Angus, March 11th ; Sts. Gerald and Mochoemoc, March 13th ; St. Finian, March 16th ; St. Patrick, March 17th ;

St. Fridian, March 18th ; St. Enna, March 21st ; St. Cummin, March 26th ; St. Bronacha, April 2nd ; Sts. Tigernach and Becan, April 5th ; St. Celsus, April 6th ; St. Finan, April 7th ; St. Lasarian, April 18th ; St. Malrubius, April 21st ; St. Rufus, April 22nd ; St. Ibar, April 23rd ; St. Maell, April 25th ; St. Cronan, April 28th ; St. Fiachna, April 29th ; Sts. Wiro, Odrian and Gybrian, May 8th ; Sts. Cataldus and Comgrall, May 10th ; St. Carthagh, May 14th ; Sts. Dympna, Genebrard and Silane, May 15th ; St. Brendain, May 16th ; St. Maw, May 17th ; St. Conall, May 22d ; St. Damhade, May 25th ; St. Maguil, May 30th ; St. Kevin, June 3d ; St. Colman, June 7th ; St. Tochara, June 11th ; St. Damhnade, June 13th ; Sts. Nennius and Psalmódus, June 14th ; St. Molingus, June 17th ; St. Gobain, June 20th ; St. Guthagon, July 3d ; Sts. Finbar and Boleas, July 4th ; St. Kilian, July 8th ; St. Idus, July 14th ; St. Turminus, July 17th ; St. Dabius, July 22d ; St. Declan, July 24th ; St. Nissen, July 25th ; St. Congall, July 27 ; St. Llananus, August 4 ; Sts. Nathy and Fedlimid, August 9 ; St. Muredoch, August 22 ; St. MacCartin, August 16 ; St. Mocheus, August 19 ; St. Eugenius, August 13 ; St. Fiaker, August 30. St. Maconsius, September 3 ; St. Ultan, September 4 ; St. Alto, September 5 ; Sts. Bega and Maculidus, September 6 ; Sts. Germana and Eunan, September 7 ; St. Disen, September 8 ; Sts. Kiaran and Osmanna, September 9 ; St. Finian, September 10 ; St. Albers, September 12 ; St. Cormac, September 14 ; St. Conan, September 24th ; St. Barr, September 25th ; St. Colman, September 26th ; St. Fidharleus, October 1st ; St. Canius, October 11th ; St. Gall, October 16th ; St. Fintan, October 21st ; Sts. Alban and Foillen, October 27th ; Sts. Furse and Ultan, October 31st ; St. Vulgan, November 2d ; St. Malachy, November 3d ; St. Benignus, November 9th ; St. Livin, November 12th ; Sts. Constant and Chillen, November 13th ; St. Laurence, November 14th ; St. Columban, November 21st ; St. Cianan, November 24th ; St. Secandia, November 27th ; Sts. Finian, Columba, Cormac and Colman, December 12th ; St. Behmus, December 16th ; St. Samthna, December 19th ; Sts. Jarlath and Flann, December 26th ;