Oh, Spirit of Moore!

BY MRS. HELEN RICH.

"While History's muse the memorial was keeping Of all that the dark hand of Destiny weaves, Beside her the Genius of Erin stood weeping, For hers was the story that blotted the leaves."

Oh, spirit of Moore! that was gentle as woman,
Resume the sad harp of thine Erin again,
Awaken compassion in all that is human,
For Death is abroad in the mountain and
Two sheriff's officers have been badly
assaulted at Kilfinane, where they were

The Shamrock must droop in the Cypress's fell shadow,
The Primrose and Daisy but linger to bloom By the famine-swept cot and the grave-furrowed meadow, And Spring will behold thy poor country a tomb.

Thy legend, Clontarf *, is renewed in its sor-The living and dead in grim conflict are Will one who shall gaze on Death's harvest Go whisper the tale unto England's proud Queen?

Aye-picture the woe of that mother who lingers, Like the white Rose that yields all her To press famished lips to the dead little fingers,
Appealing from man to the mercy of God,

*This alludes to the remarkable circumstance related in O'Halloran's "History of Ireland," book 12, chap. 1. The favorite troops of Brian, returning from the battle of Clontarf, engaged in battle with Fitzpatrick, Prince of Ossory. The eight hundred wounded men begged to be each supported by a stake, and placed in his rank beside a sound man, and this was done.

—Pilot.

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

On Jan. 31st Patrick Brady was fined £100 for being concerned in illicit distil-lation on premises in Golden lane, Dublin. In default of payment the sentence was twelve months' imprisonment.

At a meeting of the Home Rule League, held in Dublin, February 2nd, Mr. Shaw, M.P., referred at length to recent criticisms M.P., referred at length to recent criticisms of his leadership of the Parliamentary party, and stated that he was cured of any ambition to be its leader when he saw Mr. Butt at the meeting a year ago. He counselled Irishmen to take generous views of each other's actions. The resolution censuring Irish members who absented the weedless from the recent weet. sented themselves from the recent meet-ing in Dublin, with reference to reproductive works, was formally expunged

KILDARE.

At the meeting of the Naas Board of Guardians, on February 5th, a deputation consisting of the Rev. J. Nolan, P.P., Kilconsisting of the Rev. J. Nolan, P.P., Kill-dare; Rev. M. Sheridan, C.C., and Dr. Chaplin, surgeon of the infirmary, waited on the Board to bring the great distress existing in the town of Kildare and neighborhood under their notice. Dr. Chaplin stated that he knew eighty vation for three weeks. Unless some employment were opened up for them the consequences would be deplorable. The guardians passed a resolution requesting the Local Government Board to obtain the sanction of his Grace the Lord Lieu-tenant to have the union placed on the distress schedule.

The General Prisons Board has notified to Captain Disney, Governor of Wicklow Jail, that by order of the Lord Lieutenant the prison will be closed on the 31st of luckily lodged in the fireplace. The services of the chaplains, medical officer and wardens will accordingly be dispensed with, and the claims to pensions will be taken into consideration. The prison will be converted into a bridewell, and all prisoners sentenced to more than forty-eight hours' imprisonment will be sent to Wexford or Kilmainham.

KILKENNY.

An inquest was held on Feb. 2nd in th office of the terminus of the Great South office of the terminus of the Great South-ern and Western Railway, Kilkenny, on the body of William Delaney, mill owner, Thomastown, who was found dead and mangled on the rails the day before. Deceased's leg was cut off and his brains knocked out. Upon examination blood was found on the engine belonging to the night train from Dublin to Kilkenny, and it was supposed that deceased was run over by it. A second-class ticket was over by it. A second-class ticket was found in his pocket, and it appears that he had lost the last train to Thomastown and walking home. He was unmarried,

MEATH.

The Dublin Gazette offers a reward of £100 for information which will lead to the conviction of six or seven men who fired shots into the residence of Mr. Mc-Evoy, near Trim, county Meath, £50 for private information leading to the same

WESTMEATH.

Anne Ball, widow af Michael Ball, who was murdered near Mullingar on the evening of the 4th December last, has evening of the 4th December last, has intimated her intention of applying to the Grand Jury of the county Weastmeath, at the next assizes, for the sum of £1,000, loss sustained by her through said murder, pursuant to the Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1870, such crime being commonly known as agrarian, or arising out of an illegal combination or conspiracy.

LOUTH.

An inquest was held on February 5th, at Bellurgan, Dundalk, on the body of an old man named John Hanlon, of about sixty-five years of age, who died the previous evening from injuries received by a tree falling on him. Deceased was engaged in felling the tree when the accident occurred. Verdiet—Accidental death.

The wife of James O'Shea, who was recently sentenced to five years' penal servi-tude for assaulting Lord Fermoy at Limerick, has received £27 from San Francisco, with the intimation that more would follow. It is stated an appeal will be made for commutation of the sentence

assaulted at Kilfinane, where they were keeping possession under an execution. One of the men is so badly beaten that he is not expected to recover. Four arrests have been made, and the remainder of the assailants are still at large. Bail has been refused, and the accused will be tried be fore Baron Dowse at the approaching

On Feb. 5th, a force of sixty armed police from Ennis and outlaying stations, under County Inspector Smith and Sub-Inspector Chatterton, proceeded to several places in the barony of Tulla to protect a bailiff named Allanay while serving ejectments on the property of Lieutenant-Colonel O'Callaghan. The tenants' houses were closed, and service was effected by posting copies of the ejectments on the doors. While this was being done about fifteen hundred people collected. The bailiff was struck with a stone on the head, cutting him severely, and a policeman was injured.

WATERFORD.
On Feb. 4th a very successful concert for the relief of the poor of the district was given in the new Convent School, Kilmacthomas. There was a large attendance of the gentry of Waterford, Carrick, Dungarvan and the surrounding districts and the receipts amounted to nearly £30.

ANTRIM.

At the Belfast Police Court, on Feb. 2, David Shanaghan, druggist's assistant, was charged on remand with the wilful murder of his wife. The prisoner was arrested on the statement of his father-in-law, who resided with him and his wife. The woman, who was addicted to drink, was found dead in her bed, her breast being

ARMAGH.

Lurgan was disgraced and the people of it much annoyed on January 24th, by a rowdy band of some forty or fifty young Orangemen marching through the streets carrying bludgeons, with which they struck doors, broke windows, etc., of most of the "objectionable" houses that lay in their way. Complaints of lawless rowdy-ism in Lurgan are unfortunately again

becoming very frequent.
On January 31st an old woman, nan Sarah Ross, aged 64 years, got out of bed at her house in Lurgan, for some purpose, and fell down the stairs, at the bottom of which she was found shortly afterwards Dr. Russell made an external examination of her, and found that there was a contusion on the head, a contusion on the right shoulder, and the neck was dislo-

FERMANAGH.

Three men have been lodged in Ennis killen Jail, charged with forming portion of a party which entered the house of

A great amount of destitution exists in the mountainous districts between Belturbet and County Fermanagh, reports from the neighborhood stating the inhabitants are on the verge of starvation, though no practical steps have yet been taken to afford them relief.

GALWAY.

Large crowds of small tenant farmers and laborers from the surrounding districts came into Claremorris, on Feb. 3rd, it being one of the meeting days of the Local Relief Committee. No meeting was, however, held, there being no money or meal for distribution. The disap-pointed people furiously clamored for something to eat.

something to eat.

Intense distress prevails in the district of Mountbellew and Moylough, both in the Mountbellew Union. There are between 200 and 300 families in the locality living on one meal of Indian corn in the day. Their means and credit exhausted, some of them have eaten the last seed potato. The workhouse is besieged by potato.

potato. The workhouse is besieged by crowds of those destitute people demanding employment or food.

On Feb. 2d, Patrick Glynn, relieving officers for Athenry district, had a quarrel with a farmer's son named Monahan. After exchanging some words, Glynn rushed into a butcher's shop and seized a hatchet with which he assaulted Monahan is a frightful manner by striking him on hatchet with which he assaulted Monahan in a frightful manner by striking him on the head with the weapon. After Dr. Leonard had pronounced Monahan's life in danger the police at once arrested Glynn. No hopes of Monahan's recovery are entertained.

On Jan. 29th, there arrived at Tuam, for college a leave number of police.

from Galway, a large number of police under the command of two Sub-In-nec-tors and a resident magistrate (Hill), tors and a resident magistrate (HIII), drafted from the east riding and the bordering counties, who, joined by the constabulary of Tuam and Dunmore, proceeded to the townland of Knock, near Milltown, where ejectment writs were to be served on two tenant farmers named Burke. It is needless to add that in face an old man named John Hanlon, of about sixty-five years of age, who died the previous evening from injuries received by a tree falling on him. Deceased was engaged in felling the tree when the accident occurred. Verdiet—Accidental death.

CORK.

The Mayor of Cork presided at a public meeting on February 2d, to take steps to relieve the existing distress. The Catholic and Protestant Bishops, the city members and many leading citizens, Protestant and Catholic, attended. A relief committee was appointed, and £1,500 subscribed, Mr. Mupply, M. P., estimated that half a million and because the subscribed with the series of the Established Churchmen fairly in the face; and was prepared to relieve the difference was appointed, and £1,500 subscribed, Mr. Mupply, M. P., estimated that half a million and because the face; and has remained buys a relief to the recent land meeting held in that locality, and catholic, attended. A relief committee was appointed, and £1,500 subscribed, Mr. Mupply, M. P., estimated that half a million are appointed to relieve the difference was proposed to the served on two tenant tarmers named of burst in a chapter on very tractional to the viristrey performed his duty untolested. The same force, with three sub-Inspectors, accompanied the Sheriff on the following day while evicting from house and farm, in the vicinity of Barnaderg, a tenant named John Hanly, and Protestant Bishops, the city members and many leading citizens, Protestant and Catholic, attended. A relief committee was appointed, and £1,500 subscribed, Mr. Mupply, M. P., estimated that half a million and the provential structure of the properties are remained to the story of the server of the story of the server of the server of the server of the sub-Inspectors, accompanied the Sheriff on the following day while evicting from house and farm, in the vicinity of Barnaderg, a tenant named John Hanly, and Protestant Bishops, the city members and many leading citizens, Protestant and Catholic, attended. A relief committee was appointed

The monster land meeting was held at Sunday, Feb. Straide, near Castlebar, on Sunday, Feb.
1st, on the spot where Mr. Michael Davitt
was born. The platform was erected over
the very ruins of the old homestead from
which the family had been existed. The which the family had been evicted. multitude in attendance numbered several multitude in attendance numbered several thousands. A large per centage came on horseback and on jaunting cars. Splendid green flags and banners, with the usual inscriptions were carried in great abundance. dance, and green sashes, scarves, rosettes, and laurel leaves were largely worn. The Ballina and swinford bands accompanied the contingent from these localities. The usual posse of police were observable under arms in the crowd, and the usual supply of Government note-takers on the platform. The day was fine and dry for the season, though the proceedings, which were most orderly and enthusiastic throughout, were concluded in a heavy throughout, were concluded in a heavy shower of rain fell. Among those on the platform were:—Rev. James McDonnell, P. P., Straide; Messrs. Michael Davitt, Thomas Brennan, James Daly, London, Thomas Brennan, James Daly, London, B. L., Muffney (Ballina), Joseph Walsh, John Walsh, P. J. Sheridan, Patrick White, &c. On motion of Mr. Patrick White, seconded by Mr. James Daly, the Rev. James O'Donnell, P. P., was called to the chair. Speeches were made by Messrs. John Walsh; P. J. Sheridan, Toppercurry; Thos. Brennan, Michael Davitt and others, all of whom were received with the all of whom were received with the greatest enthusiasm. The usual resolutions were passed.

ST. DOROTHY'S VICTORY.

St. Dorothy, the holy virgin of Cesarea in Cappadocia, was apprehended by Apricius, the governor of the province, on account of her professing the Faith of Christ-She was put under the care of her two sisters, Chrysta and Callista, who had apostatized from the faith, that they wish apostatized from the faith, that they might shake her constancy. But she brought shake her constancy. But she brought them back to the Faith, for which they were afterwards burnt to death in a caulresided with him and his wife. The woman, who was addicted to drink, was found dead in her bed, her breast being discolored as if by violence. Medical evidence was now adduced for the defence to show that death resulted from natural causes. The magistrates discharged the prisoner.

APMACH

were atterwards burnt to death in a cause dron. The governor ordered Dorothy to be hoisted on a rack, and she said to him, as she laid upon it: "Never in my whole life have I felt such joy as I do to-day." Then the governor ordered the executioners to burn to death in a cause dron. The governor ordered Dorothy to be hoisted on a rack, and she said to him, as she laid upon it: "Never in my whole life have I felt such joy as I do to-day." The governor ordered Dorothy to be hoisted on a rack, and she said to him, as she laid upon it: "Never in my whole cause of the prisoner."

Whilst she was being led to the place of execution, she said: "I give Thee thanks, O Thou, the lover of our souls, that Thou callest me to Thy Paradise!" Theophilus, one of the governor's officers hearing her words, laughed, and said to her: "Hear me, bride of Christ! I'll ask thee to send me some apples and roses from this Para-dsie of the Spouse." Dorothy replied: "Well, and so I will." Before she was be-"Well, and so I will." Before she was beheaded, she was allowed a moment for prayer, when lo! a beautiful child came to her, bringing with him in a napkin three apples and three roses. She said to him: "Take them, I pray thee, to Theophilus." Then the executioner struck off her head with his sword, and her soul fled to Christ. with his sword, and her soul fled to Christ.

Whilst Theophilus was jocosely telling his fellows the promise made him by Dorothy, he sees a boy bringing him, in a napkin, three fine apples and three most lovely roses, who as he gave them, said: "Lo! the most holy virgin Dorothy sends thee, as she promised, these gifts from the Paradise of her Spouse." Theophilus was beside himself with surprise, for it was February; but, taking the gifts, he exclaimed: "Christ is truly God!" He openly professed the Christian Faith, and suffered a most painful martyrdom.

ful martyrdom.

THE IRISH VOICE. Hugh Miller once remarked that the crimes of nations are invariably judged and punished in this world, because they can-not be judged and punished hereafter; and the ages of British injustice in Ireland just now furnish an illustration of the truth. After all that has been said and can be said in defense of the British policy in Ireland there is one great historical fact that cannot be explained away, which stands as a perpetual accusation of it—the forced exile of more than one-half the Irish popu-lation from their native land. British statesmen once regard this emigration of the states men once regard this emigration of the Irish to other parts of the world as a good riddance, since it would carry off those whose complaints where continually sounding in the ears of the government But the exiles have not lost their voices by expatriation. They have carried their passionate love for their native land into all others lands and the ery of anguish that passionate love for their native land into all others lands, and the cry of anguish that now rises from Ireland awakens a quick and mighty reverberation that rolls round the world. The Irish sympathy meetings that are reported on both sides of the ocean, in London under the eyes of the government, and in the distant parts of the empire, remind us how wide-spread is the exile of Irishmen, how vivid and active is their affection for the land of their birth and how potent they still are for resent-ment of its wrongs. Ten million victims of British, oppression scattered over the earth thousands of miles from their native island, are not less formidable than if they were still in the land of their birth, and the anx-ing and perplayed British statesmen, who still in the land of their birth, and the anxious and perplexed British statesmen who are trying to grapple with the Irish land question cannot but be confused and alarmed at finding that the seeds of injustice sowed three hundredly ears ago have ripened into a hostility that covers nearly half the earth.— [St. Louis Republican.

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a penny added to the income tax, and also obtaining a grant of a quarter of a million from the Imperial Exchequer.

LIMERICK.

knocked down, deprived of his coat and the way back to his house.

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The many telegral meeting was held at the many many and meeting was held at the many many many meeting was held at the many many meeting was held at the many meeting referred to, exhibit "all the narrowness, virulence and pettiness of the most perverse seets," in their "ungenerous, spiteful and insolent attitude towards Mr. E. S. Grindle ('Presbyter Anglicanus') and Mr. Orby Shipley," when those gentlemen recently left the Anglican Church. Dr. Lee has now an unexpected opportunity of practicing the toleration he has taught, and we have no doubt he will be as good as his word. Whether the boy will be allowed to remain at Westminster is, we believe uncertain.—Liverpool Cathois, we believe, uncertain.—Liverpool Catholic Times.

PROTESTANTISM IN FRANCE.

THE zealous and boastful missionaries who, commissioned from England and America, are to Protestantize France, profess to be making wonderful headway. They set up their furniture here and there and because they attract a crowd of the curious, declare the seed is blossoming wonderfully, because the civic authorities give them protection and throw no obsta-cles in their way, they insist that they are converting those authorities, because they converting those authorities, because they have 8,000 adherents in Paris (out of 2,000 000 of people), though there are actually more than that number of American Protestants resident, they look upon the city as al-ready their own. These rather stupid gentlemen mistake the politeness that hears and tolerates them for doctrinal conviction, and the strict neutrality of the mayors and prefects for sympathy, and they go on writing insulting letters to their employers at home. Now, the French are nothing if not logical. They are either Catholics or infidels. They abhor a system that is nothing more than a cloak for theological vagaries, for whatever they believe or disbelieve they proclaim in face of day. the fault of hypocrisy has no place with them. fault of hypocrisy has no place with them. Even those of them who have cast off their proper allegiance to the Church are too keen to be drawn into any of the multoo keen to be drawn into any other into intuinious forms of Protestantism. "You are very good," said an infidel ouvrier to a colporteur," exceedingly kind, indeed, to trouble yourself so much about my soul, and all for nothing, and I hardly know how to thank you; but do not be offended when I assure you that it is no anxiety to when I assure you that it is no anxiety to me at all. If it where, I know where to go," and he pointed to the towers of Notre Dame. Sarcastic courtesy of this sort is the largest part of the missionary's reward.

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