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A Song of Killarney.

ALFRED PEFCEVAL GRAVES. By the Lakes of Killarney, one morning in Mwy, On my pipes of green holly I warbled away, While a tlackbird, high up on the arbutus

While a thecebird, high up on the abultus tree, Gave back my cay music with gushes of glee, When my Eliee's voice stole From the thicket of holly, And turred just the whole Of our fighting to folly. And softly along Through the myrtle and heather The main and her song Swept upon us together.

Tween old Irish tale, full of passionate trust, Of two landful lovers long laid in the dust. And her eyes, as she sang, looked so far, far

And her eyes, as she sads, house as hirther away. She went by me, nor knew she went by, where I lay. And myself and the grass, And the deseby red dalalos Should let our dear pass, Oals whisp'ring her praises, Till the lass and her lay Through the myrtle and heather Like a dream died away O'er the mountain together.

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CATHOLICS OF SCOTLAND.

ALEXANDER CAMEBON, ALEXANDER PAT ERSON, ANEAS CHISHOLM AND THEIR TIME.

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While the Catholics of Glasgow were rejoicing over the successful completion of of the house of God there arese another want which caused no slight anxiety to the zealous pastor. There were no means for educating the numerous children of the flock. Hundreds of them were clamoring for the brend of instruction ; and there was none to break it to them. Hence, in a manner, coerced, Mr. Scott was obliged to choose between the certainty of vice and some degree of danger as regarded putity of faith. The measure he adopted was, indeed, a bold one; and did not remain ur questioned. By many it was even declared to be inadmissable. The experience of many years, however, has pronounced in its favor-shown that it bore not with it the dreaded evil, while it resulted in incalculable good, and proved bore not with it the dreaded evil, while it resulted in incalculable good, and proved to be the resolve of a far-sceing and proved of lithe means used to excite their anti-of all the means used to excite their anti-of all the means used to excite their anti-dicholic feelings, when it came to the point, threw their prejudices to the wind, stood to immortal justice, and vindicated the came even of a Catholic priest." Mr. Scott could now, with an undis-that the Protestant version of the schools that were to be established. As the teachers were to be members of the congregation who could point out to their pupils and warn them as regarded the passages of the Protestant bible com plained of by Ostholles and which tended to sustain a few of the Protestant views, the faithful patter found it less difficult to overcome his reluctance to allow the objectionable version to be read in the schools; and, rather than see so many Calcole reasons came to be established in the districts of Anderston, Bridgetown, Calton, Cowcadens and North Quarter. It was now the lot of the good priest of Glasgow to encounter a new and most tericus trouble. One Mr. Gavin, a native of Ayrshire and a rigid Presbyterian, who had tried all sorts of trades and parsed through a strarge variety of fortune, settled, at length, for a time, in Glasgow as the editor of a publication was very unsparing in its attacks on Catholics. It was encoursged in its evil course by a insight to moving a new and most reflux trouble. One Mr. Gavin, a native of Ayrshire and a rigid Presbyteriar, who had bried all sorts of trades and parsed unsparing in its attacks on Carnoncs. If was encouraged in its evil course by a newspaper of the place, the Glasgow Chronicle. This journal, in July, 1818, threw out some sarcastc and hibelous re marks which were afterwards repeated by The Protestant, regarding an Oratorio for a chaitable purpose, which took place in St. Andrew's Church soon after it was in St. Andrew's Church soon after it was finished. The Rev. Mr. Scott was accused of "extorting money to build his chapel by a sort of poll tax from the starving Irlsb, and that by the fear of future pun-ishment. Let the means by which that house was resred be inscribed upon its house was resred by the rages to come. house was resred be inscribed upon its front, and it will remain for ages to come, a monument of Poptsh hard-heartednees and crueity." Again : "The house that is building west of the chapel, and which is, it is said, interded for the manse, will be large enough to accommodate a dozen of prieste, while they remain unmarried as they must always do; from which I infer that Mr. Scott either hes, or intends to baye. abundant assistance in milking to have, abundant assistance in milking and managing his flock. It is doubtful how far he exhibits the character of a now far he exhibits the character of a faithful pastor, while he seems to care only for bimself. He asked no snewer or ex-planction from his flock; it was for him-self as an individual." Mr. M. Gavin also published that "Father Scott refused to by the the didgen of several laborate to baptize the children of several laborers (whose names, unfortunately for himself, he specified) until they contributed to-wards the building of the new chapel and wards the building of the new chapel and paid up all their arrears; and that the masters of certain public works were ap-piled to, to retain the weekly earnings of Catholic employes to ald the erection of the said Roman Catholic chapel." Such cair mnies could only be swept away by a successful prosecution. But, considering the state of the public mind at Glasgow, what hope was there of suc-cess in prosecuting 7 Bishop Cameron,

the authority of Daniel O'Connell ; and declared, moreover, that all meetings held independently of and in definee of their pastors were schismatic and heretical. In a memorial or requisition for the redress of grievances, which they sent to Bishop Cameron, they complained that Mr. Scott had attacked them from the nultific alling when consulted, declared that he could see none; and hence endeavored so dissuade Mr. Scott from submitting the matter to Mr. Scott from submitting the matter to a jury selected from the most prejudiced people in the country. He did not, however, forbid to prosecute; and Mr. Scott, remarking that he must either do so or abandon his mission, resolved to bring an action sgainst his defamers. The damages were laid at £3000. The chief detractor, meanwhile, encouraged by the great bulk of the less-educated classes, who were guided only by blind prejudice, shouted defiance, considering himself secure. It was a most trying and anxious time for Mr. Scott. His best friends dared not venture to give an had attacked them from the pulpit, calling had attacked them from the purple, during them by the most offensive names and representing those who signed the requisi-tion, as "illiterate rag-a muffins," com-paring the roughness of their hand writing the roughness of their hand writing to their "tattered coats," and recommend ing them, if they had any money to spare, to use it in purchasing old clothes to cover their naked members. He declared, moreover, that he knew little of them but by the scandel they had given to religfriends dared not venture to give an opinion in his favor. He stood alone; but was undaunted and determined. The ablest barister of the time, the cole

ion. Although there were a few rebels who Although there were a tew results who gave treuble, Mr. Scott was greatly revered by the congregation generally. He was a strict diedplinatian, and it not unfrequently behoved him to rebuke offenders. But even they who qualled be-neath the lash of his just indignation, lost neates fidance in his goat here's and had The ablest barrister of the time, the cole-brated Jeffry, was retained as his counsel; and applied to the work before him with no less eargestness than ability. His speech at the trial was a consummate speech at the trial was a consummate masterpiece of forensic oratory. Bishop Cameron, who, after giving his evidence, had been invited by the presiding judge to take a seat on the bench, could not refrain from complimenting the elequent counsel, and remarked that his able discourse must ensure success. Jeffry, surveying the jury, where therewas not much respectabil ity to be seen, expressed much doubt. There was, however, unconquerable bonnot confidence in his goodness; and had recourse to him when occasion required, with undiminished trust and affection. He was ever ready to defend his people when any difficulty occurred from the when any difficulty occurred from the real or supposed state of the law. An instance or two may prove not uninterest-ing : Some of his flock had been sum-moned to qualify as Burgesses, and were told that if they did not, their shops would be shut. Bit, on presenting themselves, they were called on to take an oath which implied an aljaration of their faith. Upon this Mr. Scott took is their faith. Upon this Mr. Scott took is the matter in hand, and visited, more than once, the Dean of Guild in his court. This official gave proof of extra-ordinary ignorance of the law, as did, also, it his legal adviser. Such lawyers of the rity as were supposed to possess some jury, where there was not much despendent ity to be seen, expressed much doubt. There was, however, unconquerable bon-esty and a sense of justice which no want of education and no smount of false teaching could ever eradicate from the minds of the Scotch people, even in the humblest walks of life. The twelve jurymen, after hearing the charge of the R'ght Honorable William Adam, Lord Chief Commissioner, retired for rather nore than an hour. A little before five o'clock in the morning, they returned Chief Commissioner, A little before five o'clock in the morning, they returned into court, and unanimously found for the pursuer, scalants the defender, William M'Gavin, damages £100; against the defender, William Sym, clerk of the Glasgow fever hospital, £20; and against the defendera, Andrew and James Durcon, printers in Glasgow, one shilling. Mr. M'Gavin's damages, together with his law expenses, were computed at £1400. Thus twelve ordinary Glasgow jurymeu, it has been well remarked, 'in spite of the grighting of their editor, in spite of their religious antipathies, in spite of the fierce controversies of the day, in spite of all the means used to excite their anti-Catholic feelings, when it came to the city as were supposed to possess some liberality, were asked to act on behalf of Mr. Scott's friends; but none of them could be induced to take up the case. The burden, therefore, fell on Mr. Scott, who proved the actual state of the law and at the same time threatened legal proceedings against the ignorant authori-ties. He thus caused his corgregation to be fairly treated, and complete justice to ba done.

TO BE CONTINUED. THE ATROCITIES OF A SLAVE MAROH.

From "Slavery in Africa," in Scribner's. No one who understands how human life is estimated by savage peoples will doubt the shocking and revolting accounts of travellers regarding this phase of the traffic; and no one who knows what an Arab's heart is made of will make any dis-

Arab's heart is made of will make any dis-count even for the exeggeration of an orator, as he listens to the following cita-tion from a speech delivered the other day in London by Cardinal Lavigorie: "The men who appear the strongest, and whose escape is to be feared, have their hands tied, and sometimes their feet, is such faction that million heaves to overcome his reluctance to know the objectionable version to be read in the schools; and, rather than see so many children, the hope of his rising flock, abandoned to ignorance and vice, he gave his consent. The result was that many of those that were without, came forward with donations of money and books, mis-ing urbs all the bleesings of education. There appears to have been no difficulty in having Catholic teachers appointed; and, for the first time since the days of Knox, there existed Catholic schools at Glasgow. This was indeed a great and meet beneficial achievement. Far from corrupting the faith of the Catholic youth, Glasgow. This was indeed a great and most beneficial achievement. Far from corrupting the faith of the Catholic youth, it gave to the fature a well instructed congregation, every member of which was prepared "to give a reason for the faith that was in him." Extensive school premises were obtained in Portugal street and permanenily secured to relig ion, being converted into a church m der the invocation of St. John. Meanwhile, they were admirably adapted to recive the mumerous children that flocked to them. Such was the "Gorbals school," as it was called. It soon became inufficient to accommodate the great numbers that to accommodate the great numbers that the love of hatruction brought from ail parts of the city. Hence revers othe Catholic schools came to be established in the district of Andeiston, Bridgetown, Calton, Cowcaddens and North Quarter. pass behind these wretched beings and fell them with a single blow. Their Their corpses remsin where they fall, when they are not suspended on the branches of the neighboring trees; and it is close to them that their companions are obliged to eat and to sleep. But what sleep !-- it may and to eleep. But be easily imagined. De easily Imagined.
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able to his brother clergymen. In 1825 a set of illiterate people called the Catholic Association gave great aunoyance to Mr. Scott. These people published a pamphlet in their defence, and invieghed against what they called a particular percented and very "the unwarrantable, unprovoked and very "the unwarrantane, dispression and the op-surprising attacks" of the Rev. A. Scott and the Rev. J. Murdoch, pastors of the Glasgow Catholic congregation. They re-marked also on being excluded from all knowledge of the state of the funds or management of the temporalities, and pointed out a plan for obtaining their what is the removed. right in this respect. This preclous asso clation originated through the mistaken

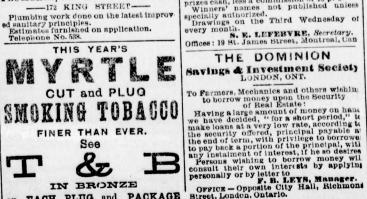
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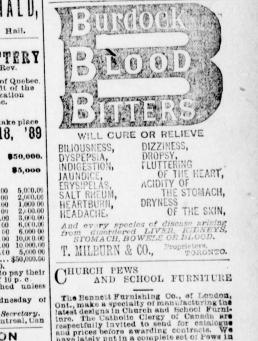
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