

ing the past quarter of a century. The University shares in the honors conferred on Dr. MacCabe for she esteems him as one of the most illustrious of her alumni. Hence devolves on *The Reviewer*, the pleasant duty to record some of the leading facts of the interesting life of our honored alumnus. He who by the protecting and guiding hand of Providence, and sheer force of talent, has retained the Principalship from that memorable opening day, Sept. 14th, 1875, to the present date, and now bids fair, *Deo Volente*, to see the laurel crown of a golden jubilee placed on his brow, is certainly an example to be pointed out and looked up to as a model.

Bring to your conception the impressive figure of Dr. MacCabe. One of those broad-shouldered, deep-chested Irishmen, gifted with a charming personality and attractive, cheery, good humor, that brightens and illumines all about him. His clear eyes look you straight in the face with a quiet power that commands involuntary respect, while the repose and firm purpose developed by the features, are the very picture of determination and unflinching courage.

It is a matter of considerable importance where and in what circumstances a man was born. We of Irish descent attach no little importance to the influences of birthplace, and those of us fortunate enough to claim the Isle of Saints and Scholars as the natal land, grant to it a particular reverence. A land consecrated by the blood of martyrs, sanctified by thousands of religious, and hallowed by association and remembrance of heroes and patriots such as no other land ever produced, claims especial veneration and remembrance. Nature ever bountiful and good to Ireland could afford no greater beauty than that wherewith she has endowed the village of his birth in the County Cavan. Indeed there are few spots in the old land more attractive, more celebrated or more likely to leave impression upon character than the country about this place. Here in this lonely nook of nature was born on January 9th, 1842, John A. MacCabe.

His early education like that of many other Irish youths was parental, but it was supplemented by a thorough training in the Irish National schools, and afterwards at the Dublin Normal School.