

OUR LADY OF DUBLIN STATUE

CORRECTS POPULAR TRADITION OF IMAGE

WRITER RELATES HISTORY OF FIGURE NOW ENshrINED IN CARMELETTE CHURCH

Dublin, Nov. 23.—A correction of a popular tradition concerning a statue of Our Lady of Dublin is contained in an illuminating article on "Devotion to the Blessed Virgin in the Early Irish Church" in "The Cross."

The tradition which is considered in this article is that the statue of Our Lady of Dublin which is now enshrined, and greatly venerated down Whitefriar St. was originally venerated in the Abbey of St. Mary, which stood where now stands the ruins of the Four Courts. The author says:

St. Lawrence O'Toole, Archbishop of Dublin, was the last saint who adorned the Irish Church, before the English Invasion. In his life it is recorded that he built a 'New Church in Dublin, to the honor of God and of His Virgin-Mother.' The origin of the founding of this votive church is interesting.

A FEARFUL STORM "In the Acts of St. Lawrence it is told that once, when the Archbishop was crossing to England, in company with some Dublin merchants, a fearful storm arose which threatened disaster to the vessel, and all hopes of safety were abandoned. The saintly prelate, in this grave emergency, asked his fellow-passengers to unite with him in making a vow to build a church in honor of Our Lady of Refuge if their lives were spared.

"The promise was willingly made by all on board. Immediately, lifting his eyes to Heaven, at the command of the Servant of God the winds fell, and after the storm there came a great calm—as on the lake of Galilee—in the days of Our Lord!

"The church was subsequently built, in the vicinity of the present Cork Hill, Dublin. In this sanctuary a miraculous statue of Our Lady was enshrined, and greatly venerated down to the time of the Protestant reformation. How the fanaticism that prevailed at this time, George Grown, the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin (an apostate friar), ordered the relics preserved in Christ's Church to be publicly burned in the open space adjoining the cathedral (now called Christ Church Place).

"The statue of Our Lady in the chapel of Cork Hill was also ordered to be committed to the flames, along with the others relics. However some pious Christians, standing by, managed to snatch the sacred image from the burning pyre and have it hastily conveyed across the Liffey, and buried it in the precincts of the suppressed Abbey of St. Mary, at the north side of the river. The image was but slightly damaged by the fire at the base. It lay for years in its place of concealment and came to be quite forgotten.

FIGURE DUG UP "The figure was of Flemish workmanship, executed, or rather carved, in hard-wood, hollow in the interior and having a wide oblong opening at the back. This particularity prevailed very generally in the larger religious statues dating from the 13th-14th centuries. When the figure was dug up by accident early last century, its finder, perhaps through ignorance of what it was, seeing the cavity in the wood, turned it, face downwards and utilised it as a pig-trough.

"In some way or other the late Very Rev. Dr. Spratt, O. C. C. (who was an anxious collector of relics and curios), came to hear of it, and, on examining the ancient figure, purchased it. He had the statue repaired and then placed in the Carmelite church, Whitefriar St. in a niche at the right of the High Altar. In latter years the sacred image was transferred to the left aisle of the church where a beautiful shrine has been erected for it. The light paint with which it was colored was judiciously removed revealing the dark wood as it originally appeared.

"This holy shrine is now much frequented by the faithful, and the Madonna piously venerated under the title of 'Our Lady of Dublin.' Some writers assert that this historic image was part of the belongings of Mary's Abbey, but there is no reference in the chronicles of that monastery of its being publicly venerated there. If such were the case, the fact would surely have not escaped record in the extensive annals of the monastic scribe.

of both these memorials, there is something very striking about the long list of names of the men from these parishes who went out to the West never to return. This list is, in itself, an eloquent story of the people who go to make up the Catholic populations in the North of England.

The men commemorated were drawn from the Northumberland Fusiliers, the Tyneside Scottish, and the Tyneside Irish Brigade. There are about 250 Catholic men whose names are recorded, and of these considerably more than half bear Irish names, and with them are mingled both English and Scottish names; but most of the names are Irish.

This sort of thing has been repeated over and over again in the Catholic War memorials that have been unveiled in different parts of the country—an eloquent proof of the part the Irish Catholics in Great Britain took in giving their all in the service of the nation.

CATHOLICS IN BRITAIN

Catholics of England and Wales representing roughly 2,000,000 people in a population of 40,000,000 appear to be exercising a more potent influence on the intellectual and social life of their country than the 20,000 Catholics of the United States do here, according to Dr. John A. Ryan of the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Council who lately returned from England and Ireland.

Dr. Ryan declared that the stimulating influence of English Catholic thought was manifested through the large number of conversions and the position which the Church is assuming as a leader of the laboring classes. He pointed to the establishment of a Catholic labor college at Oxford University and to the activity of English Catholic speakers in taking to the street and public highway to spread the faith from the lecture platform as instances of the manner in which this influence is being exerted.

"It is impossible to overestimate the earnestness and faith of the English Catholics in matters religious," said Dr. Ryan, "and their determination to increase their number is reflected in the increasingly large numbers of converts to the Church. In Leamington I met the Rev. Canon William Barry, who has a large parish there composed, he told me, largely of converts and descendants of converts. The converts to Rome come chiefly from two classes, those of the Anglican Church, who become tired of its emptiness, and those of the Non-Conformists who, seeking the Anglican Church in search of a real religion, are soon disillusioned and rapidly turn to Catholicity."

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OBITUARY

MR. EDWARD KELLY

The death of Mr. Edward Kelly, which occurred at his residence Sydney St., on Monday 23rd inst., removes one of Charlottetown's oldest and most respected citizens and another link connecting the past and the present has been severed. The deceased gentleman was born in Ireland about ninety years ago, and when about twelve years of age, emigrated with his parents to this island and settled in Lake Verde. Like many of the pioneers of this province Mr. Kelly endured many hardships, but with indomitable perseverance he felled the forest primeval and by his thrift, his industry, his sobriety and strict attention to business he built up one of the most comfortable homes in Prince Edward Island. He was a man of strong personality and sterling character and his work was as good as his bond. He believed in the strictest integrity in thoroughness and fidelity in whatever he undertook to do, and his efforts were usually crowned with success. Although a self-educated man, and one who always toiled hard, yet, he was a great reader of history, especially of church history, and nothing but the best appealed to him. The fact that two of his daughters were nuns, Sister St. Walburga, now predeceased, and Sister St. Joseph Mary of Providence evidences the religious training and example they must have received from their parents in early childhood.

The late Mr. Kelly was one of the leading agriculturists of Queen's County and always took a deep

interest in stockraising. He was one of the prime movers of our Provincial Exhibition giving his moral and financial support and he always encouraged every enterprise which he considered would benefit his brother farmers. Thirty-six years ago he purchased the Major Deete property, Southport, now occupied by his son Joseph, where he carried on farming on a much larger scale, specializing in dairy cattle. About twenty years ago he retired from active duties and removed to Charlottetown where he spent the remaining years of his life. Until a few years ago he was a familiar figure on our streets and he continued to take a deep, interest in civic affairs, being one of the largest tax payers of the city. He enjoyed comparatively good health until a few days before his death when he received a slight stroke from which he never recovered.

During his illness he received every attention and consolation from the Cathedral, and having received the last rites of the Catholic Church his spirit passed to its reward. His funeral took place Wednesday morning to St. Dunstan's Cathedral where a High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Father St. John and all that was mortal of a devoted husband, a good father, a true friend, a kind neighbor, and an exemplary Christian gentleman, was laid in its last resting place to await a glorious resurrection. Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

He leaves to mourn besides his widow, two sons, John E., a prominent contractor of Rosindale, Mass., and Joseph, Southport, also six daughters, Sister St. Joseph Mary of the Congregation de Notre Dame, Providence, R. I., who arrived home half an hour after her father's death, Mrs. Thomas McQuaid, Mrs. John J. Trainor, Mrs. John Hughes, Charlottetown, Mrs. Michael Trainor, Vancouver and Mrs. Charles Kelly, Lake Verde.

CATHOLIC ELECTED PRESIDENT

Dr. M. F. Cox, a Catholic and one of the most eminent physicians in Dublin, has been elected President of the College of Physicians in Ireland. He is senior physician to St. Vincent's Hospital. His colleagues in that hospital, to signalize the event, presented him with a beautiful replica of the Ardagh chalice. Amongst those present at the complimentary luncheon at which the presentation was made, was Mr. John Dillon, leader of the former Irish Parliamentary Party. Mr. Dillon and Dr. Cox were fellow students; and it may be mentioned in passing that Mr. Dillon became qualified as a doctor but never practised.

In the course of a handsome tribute to the new President of the College of Physicians, Mr. Dillon observed that Dr. Cox had steered a straight and honest course through life. His reward, said that there was not in the medical profession today a man who was more beloved by the people of Dublin.

Dr. Cox is well known to literary and political Americans of the older school. The British Government made him a Privy Councillor, but he gave up the honor as a protest against the Black and Tan regime.

CHICAGO OFFICIALS AGAINST KLAN

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8.—Two official blows were struck at Ku Kluxism in Chicago during the week. One was the action of Chief Justice Michael L. McKinley of the Criminal Court, in barring members of the Klan from service on the December grand jury, and the other the action of a special committee of the city council, headed by Alderman Robert J. Mulcahy, in inaugurating a move to oust all members of the Klan from the city's employ.

Judge McKinley based his action on the law which provides that there shall be no discrimination against any race or creed in the application of the law, holding that the Klan oath, as he understood it, compelled such discrimination, and therefore unfitted a man for the enforcement of the law.

The aldermanic committee to which is entrusted the weeding out of Klansmen from the city's employ includes an Irishman, a Jew, a Pole, a Norwegian and a colored alderman. The group represent as many faiths as members.

Chairman Mulcahy says he has a list of fifty names of Klansmen on the city payrolls, a number of whom are members of the police department. A charge that one of the fire engine houses was recently used as a Ku Klux meeting place is also being investigated.

THE REDISCOVERY OF AUTHORITY

In a brilliant address recently Mr. Hilaire Belloc did the same service for his country as Mr. James M. Beck, Solicitor General of the United States, did in our country a year ago. Both these observant critics of modern civilization placed the finger unerringly upon the greatest evil of the times, the revolt against the spirit of authority. And both significantly pointed the way to safety, in the acknowledgment of the principle of authority and the reestablishment of discipline. Both follow the lines of the great Encyclical of the holy Pontiff, Benedict XV., on the plagues of Society.

Here is the forceful manner in which Mr. Belloc drove home this point: "Those who govern us politically," he said, "know very well that they govern us on tolerance and routine. Those who own great property know very well that their moral right to it is challenged. Even in the ultimate molecule of society the family all outside the Catholic body feel that the security of all that institution is challenged. Our civilization is on the edge of moral anarchy and chaos, which will be followed very rapidly by their physical counterpart unless we rediscover authority."

The revolt against authority is not an altogether new phenomenon. It is one of those strange perversities of human judgment that arise from dissatisfaction with the existing conditions and are fomented by the desire for reform. When the so-called reformers of the sixteenth century wished to protect against abuses which were more fancied than real, they struck at the principle of authority in religion. Private judgment was enthroned as the rule of faith instead of the principle of authority that Christ Himself placed in His church. Little philosophers evolved petty theories of the rights of man and the folly of submission to established customs. The past in their philosophy was all wrong, and the experience of ages was not worth considering in the light of modern researches and discoveries. It took years for this false philosophy to steep into the minds of the people. At first such notions were whispered in secret among the so-called intellectuals. Then gradually they leaked out and infiltrated into the minds of those who always ape the opinions and views of those who set themselves up as independent thinkers. If the World War was caused by German materialistic philosophy in its turn was caused by the revolt against authority in the sixteenth century. And Mr. Belloc is heaving to the line when he declares that "no basis of authority remains in Europe except that which has saved Poland from the communistic anarchy of the East, which has saved Hungary, Bohemia, and Bavaria, which has saved all those within which the culture of the Catholic Church has remained."

To rediscover authority is the greatest need of the world today. God or chaos are the two alternatives between which civilization has to choose. As His Eminence stated recently: "There can be no liberty without law; no law without God. If it chooses God it must acknowledge authority. Where is the authority that will save the world? Ask Chesterton in England, ask Papini in Italy, ask the hosts of other converts who are flocking to the Catholic Church in great numbers because they find there the only true philosophy of life. For only in the Catholic Church is to be found today that authority which answers the cry of questioning humanity, and the discipline that binds mankind together.—The Pilot.

From the lowest depth there is a path to the loftiest height. If at first you don't succeed, ask yourself why.

Many rebel and fight against what God gives them; many more take their cross in a resigned "can't-be-helped" spirit, but very few look upon these things, as real blessings, and kiss the Hand that strikes them.

DIED

CONNOR.—At Waupun, Wisconsin, on Dec. 6, 1922, Thomas Philip, beloved husband of Mary Corkery, aged sixty years. May he rest in peace.

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