

Moore Centenary Ode.

COMPOSED AND READ BY MR. T. O'RAGAN, BELLEVILLE.

Hail bard of Erin, Ireland's greatest poet! An aureole of fame enshrouds thy name to-night. The chords of Tara's harp shall vibrate through the world, And fill each Irish heart with gladness and delight. Mute hung that harp, its strings of sorrow pining, Till thou didst thee to Freedom and to song, Its thrilling notes in mournful silence stung, And death-like spoke of Ireland's grief and wrong.

Proudly thy genius grasped each note and number, Each lay of birth, each sad and plaintive strain, Told of a people dreaming hopes of freedom, While clinging to their pres'd dark slavery's chain; And as thy impulse touch'd the lyre of Erin, A gleam of hope beam'd through the nation's tears, Which, bright'ning, shone with such resplendent light, That, for a season, Hope dispell'd all fears. Well didst thou sing of Ireland's ancient glory, Ere fair-haired Saxon wrought a nation's wrong. When Erin's harp told that the Dames were dead, And patriots wove their freedom into song, Well didst thou cheer the Irish heart in sadness, Till Mirth forsook the captive chains around, And memory, fraught with olden days of valor, Gave to bright Hope a tinge of Freedom's sound.

And e'en apart from Irish scene and story, In eastern tale thy genius found a lay; On Cashmere's plains—its beautiful hills, A Lalla Rookh will keep thy natal day— Will weave a crown of Persia's bliss, As thou didst weave for her bridal day. And crown thee first of Ireland's gifted poets— A tribute to thy great immortal lay. A hundred years have passed and dear, old Ireland, In every land reveres thy cherished name; And Erin's heart beats proudly and swells with gladness, To hear her sons speak proudly of thy fame, Yea, e'en in this our own loved, fair Dominion, Upon the bay of Quinte's beautiful shore, We learn to hush our own Canadian Boat Song, And with thee rest at times our weary oar. Hail, then, great bard! fair Canada salutes thee, Thy glory is the glory of our race, We'll weave a Maple-chaplet with the Shamrock, To crown thy fame with beauty and with grace; And while Erin lifts her harp upon thy birthday, And Irish hearts swell proudly at thy name, We'll never forget the country that begot thee, Whose glory is thine own immortal fame. Belleville, May 28th, 1879.

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

DUBLIN.

An extensive cattle dealer in Liverpool offered for sale on May 20th, in the Dublin market, one hundred head of cattle, imported from Canada. It is thought if this experiment prove a success, it will be only the beginning of a regular trade with the Irish markets in Canadian cattle. On May 23rd, a house painter named Joseph Devine, dropped dead while passing through the Lower Castle Yard, Dublin. At the inquest a verdict of died from disease of the heart was returned. On May 24th, at Mr. Beater's drug store, in Lower Sackville street, Dublin, a man named Richard Pyle, a clerk on the Midland Railway, residing at Mountjoyville, North Circular road, came in with some medicine. While the medicine was being compounded he fell on the ground in a fit. He was immediately taken to Jervis street Hospital, where the resident surgeon, Dr. Caslin, pronounced life to be extinct. It is said he had been suffering for some time from heart disease.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

On May 29th, a fire, resulting in the destruction of nearly the whole of a dwelling house, with barn attached, the property of a widow residing at Derrynoye, Queen's County, about a mile from Carrigrohane, was discovered. Mrs. Hogan, with her daughter and two other children, were being compounded he fell on the ground in a fit. He was immediately taken to Jervis street Hospital, where the resident surgeon, Dr. Caslin, pronounced life to be extinct. It is said he had been suffering for some time from heart disease. The most remarkable and successful mission ever conducted in the South of Ireland has just terminated in Saint Finbar's church, Cork. Some years had elapsed since this large Catholic district had been favored with a visit from any of the late so effectively co-operated in the suppression of vice, the reclamation of sinners, and the establishment of religious fraternities in the various churches, for the cementing together of the faithful in the exercise of piety. The mission was opened on Sunday, May 14th, by the members of the Pastoral Order, and the immense number of 15,000 communicants were admitted to the Holy Eucharist during the last two weeks of the mission. For the last ten days the church accommodation of 4,000 people was found insufficient, and a distinct service and sermon were given in an additional hall, the other outside—commented the closing service and address. Between the two assemblies there were fully ten thousand persons present—all engaged heart and soul in this beautiful and most impressive ceremony.

MEATH.

William Bond, Esq., the receiver in the matter of "Charlton's Charity," attended recently at the courthouse at Navan for the purpose of distributing the annual allowance to the various entitled thereto—viz., agricultural laborers whose applications had been approved of by the Lord Chancellor. About fifty presented themselves, and received sums of from six guineas to thirteen guineas. Some of the applicants were considerably disappointed at their applications being refused or disallowed, owing to informality in filling up the necessary printed forms.

WESTMEATH.

On May 25th the new cemetery of Toverdale was consecrated. The Rev. Dr. Nulty, Bishop of Meath, the motory is about six miles from Athlone, which adjoins the church of Tubberdara, which has recently undergone most extensive and expensive alterations, through the agency of the worthy parish priest, the Rev. J. Murray.

LOUTH.

On May 27th the premises of Mr. McDonnon, egg and fowl merchant, Fair Street, Drogheda, were discovered to be on fire. The fire had made considerable progress in one of the stores before the staff of affairs was notified. By vigorous exertions the fire was prevented from extending its ravages beyond the premises in which it broke out. The store was reduced to a shell of walls. On May 28th the borough coroner of Drogheda, John Costello, Esq., held an inquest on the body of an Irish woman, better known by the cognomen of "Red Helen," who was found dead in the house where she lodged. The jury returned a

verdict to the effect that death resulted from natural causes.

LONGFORD.

Laurence P. Reynolds, of Dalystown, county of Longford, a magistrate, whilst returning from Longford races on May 28th, was attacked by a large party of men, and taken out of his carriage and beaten. His servant was also assaulted. Mr. Reynolds is brother to Surgeon-Major Reynolds, of Rorke's Drift fame. On May 29th, a party of men attacked the house of an old man named Robinson, residing in Ballybrine townland. They smashed the windows and door, and proceeded to set fire to the roof. The whole concern was consumed. The old man had no person living with him. Some property of his was injured a short time ago.

CORK.

The Cork Herald of May 21st says—"Although the weather continues extremely variable, agricultural prospects have improved. Corn fields have assumed a green appearance, pasture has become more abundant, and the bloom of the meadows is not a great deal behind that of other years. Potatoes, too, have recently made considerable progress. It is, however, pretty certain that the maturity of all crops will be unusually retarded this season."

At a meeting of the Cork Farmers' Club, on May 24th, Alderman Keller drew attention to the great increase in the importation of American products, and said that judging from their statistics it was apparent Irish farmers could not compete with strangers. He had heard a landlady say that the farmers' clubs incited her not to pay their rent. No such thing was said at that club; but it was evident, in view of the series of bad harvests and of the competition from abroad, that something should be done on the part of the landlords to tide their tenants over their present difficulties. A man named Richard Daily was drowned off Castlehaven Harbor, on May 24th. He with his son and a young man named Murray were rowing a boat of lobster pots from Castlehaven. It is believed the deceased must have been sitting on the gunwale when pulling, and that on missing a stroke he fell over. Daily combined the business of fishing with farming. He was a comparatively young man, and leaves a large family. At the Privy Council meeting on May 29th, the Lord Justices of Ireland decided to revoke from the 1st of June, except as to certain districts, the proclamation of the 16th of September, 1865, placing the county of Cork under the Peace Preservation Acts. The excepted districts as to which the former proclamation is still to remain in force are the barony of Cork, the Great Island, and the parishes of Marcellanville and Monkstown.

An old woman, named Donoghue, died suddenly, under peculiar circumstances, in Lamb street, Clonakilly, on May 24th. The poor woman and her sister obtained their living by selling fruit, and on the 21st, the sister was buried. The survivor was then in good health and was employed in a shop. On the 24th, while she was in the shop, she was noticed by her looking ill, went for the priest, who had scarcely left the house when she was dead. On May 24th a cabin was discovered on fire at Kilanny, about two and a half miles from Kinsale. The wretched hut was occupied by a poor family, named Collins, and in their flight some of the poor children had portions of their legs and arms burned, and others had their hair singed. There were three children and their mother in the wretched domicile at the time. It was only three weeks before that the owner of the miserable abode obtained a decree at the Kinsale Petty Sessions for the possession of the cabin, but for some cause or other did not get it till just as the deplorable calamity had given it over to him as a heap of ashes.

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KERRY.

The Herene estate case continues to excite great public interest in Kerry. The tenantry have resolved to appeal to the House of Lords against the decree of the Court of Appeal, which gave the property to Mr. Hussey, and a large meeting of Ballybunion to express sympathy with the men who are acting so plucky a part, and to take measures for giving them pecuniary assistance. Allusions of by no means laudatory nature were made to the present management of the estate. One speaker compared the Division of it into shares "to suit favorite buyers," to the partition of Poland, and subsequently referred to a legal notice which had recently been served on one of the tenants to the effect that, "in consequence of his preventing a bailiff from letting turbary, proceedings would be taken against him not alone for that act, but for the possession of his holdings, to which, it was alleged, he had, by his conduct, forfeited all claim." Such incidents as this hardly bear out the contention some time since so freely circulated, that the tenants were dying to have Mr. Hussey for their landlord, and

would be as happy with him as the days were long.

LIMERICK.

The excitement of the recent election precluded the possibility of any suitable preparations being made for the celebration of the Moore centenary in Limerick, and the result was that there was not a single reunion of any sort. There is great excitement in Newcastleton in the local bog. Coronor Sheehy, on May 30th, held an inquest on the relics. John Barry gave evidence as to the finding of the remains on the 14th of May, about three feet under the surface, closely convenient to his own house. The witness said he never knew of any person having disappeared from the locality. Dr. Ambrose gave evidence that he had carefully examined the remains, and was of opinion that they might have been in the bog for the last hundred and fifty years.

CLARE.

A drapery establishment belonging to Miss Mary Healy, Lahabesha, Killysart, took fire on May 29th, and were it not for the timely assistance rendered by the police and the civilians, who were promptly in attendance, it would have been burnt to the ground. The result of the fire is attributed to carelessness. On May 24th, at the Kilmurry Fair, Killysart, in exhibiting a stallion belonging to his employer, Mr. Madigan, the horse on becoming restive, reared, and struck the unfortunate man on the back with his fore legs, and would not get up. He was rescued, and is now recovering from his wounds. A crowd of persons who quickly came to the poor man's aid. He had a very narrow escape for his life. At the Ennis Petty Sessions, on May 30th, a respectable publican of the town, named James Ryan, residing at the Causeway, was prosecuted by Her Majesty's magistrates, as alleged, wilfully and maliciously set fire to his house several days previously. From the evidence it appeared that a fire was discovered to have broken out in the shop of the accused, that the door was broken in, and that four separate fires blazed in different places, a strong smell of paraffin oil prevailing. The accused was alone in the house. The stock and furniture were insured for £320. Information was ordered returnable to the ensuing assizes, Mr. Ryan being admitted to bail.

TIPPERARY.

A middle-aged man named Pat Tracey, living at Louhmore, near Templemore, while going to market on May 24th, dropped suddenly dead. On Sunday, May 25th, a melancholy accident happened at Lough Neagh, at Ballyhenry, where two men lost their lives. It appears that two brothers named McGarrel and a man named Cressy had gone out in a boat on the Lough, and about half-past seven o'clock the boat was capsized in a sudden squall. The three men were thrown into the water, but one, the McGarrels, succeeded in reaching the shore. The other two men were drowned. On May 28th, the fall of an old dingy building occurred in Division street, Belfast, in which a man named Philip O'Brien carried on the business of a hay and straw dealer. An old man named Fay was in the building a few minutes before the accident, and was buried in the ruins. He was rescued, and suffered little from the accident. Preparations are already in progress in the Protestant districts of the North for celebrating the July anniversaries. It has been decided that the Belfast Orangemen will meet by themselves at Lough, and the first meeting of the North will be at Antrim. At Father's house, standing by the side of Belfast, and a number of local clergymen it has been arranged that during the summer months Sunday school processions should proceed through the streets with banners furled and without music playing until the principal streets have been reached. The Mayor intimated his determination to protect the excursionists.

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ARMAGH.

On May 24th, a lad named Thomas Grimes, aged eleven years, was instantly killed in a stable street, Potadown, by a kick from a stallion, the property of the Duke of Manchester. An inquest was subsequently held on the body before G. D. Atkinson, coroner, and a jury. From the evidence of a number of witnesses, it appears that the deceased was standing in a stable, and a groom, came out of Mrs. Green's yard. A man named Trotter, who was assisting the groom, struck the stallion to induce it to go on, and it flung out with one of the hind feet and struck the boy on the cheek and neck, knocking him down with great violence. He died almost immediately.

DOWN.

On May 25th, a fire broke out in the concern of Mr. Keenan, Solo-place, Newtown. The Volunteer Fire Brigade were speedily on the spot, but notwithstanding their efforts the lower part of the building was completely gutted. Fortunately, the progress of the flames was arrested, and top rooms were saved. A considerable quantity of furniture, &c., was destroyed. On May 25th, Mr. Edward McCrossin, solicitor, Monaghan, died some time ago, only at Newtownbutler. It appeared that the gentleman got up in his usual health, but being seized with a sudden weakness he was assisted to a sofa, and some apprehension being felt for his safety, medical assistance was immediately called in, but he never rallied. In about an hour after he was seized with the illness, notwithstanding that everything was done that could be done to save his life, he succumbed to the attack. Mr. McCrossin only passed his final examination for the profession about three years ago, and promised to be a clever advocate.

MONAGHAN.

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the crop. The hay fields are not at all promising, the crops being late, the blade not being any longer than it usually is at the 1st of May. Grazing is very bare in general, and it is only within the past two weeks that the fields even gained a narrow state. Orchards are in a very backward condition, and the yield is not expected to be equal to former years. All crops require genial heat, and should this soon come, there might be a prospect of at least an average produce."

As a farmer named Simmons was going to bed the house was broken into by three men, who knocked him down, and after calling on him to give up some land, fired shots over his head. No arrests have been made. At an early hour it was discovered that a serious fire had broken out in the premises of Messrs. Mooney & Sons, hardware and oil stores, Mullingar. Before anything could be done the whole building was in flames. The greater part of the out offices were burned to the ground. The damage is estimated at nearly £1,000. Upwards of thirty emigrants, chiefly female domestic servants from the counties of Derry, Tyrone and Leitrim, left Belfast for Liverpool, where they will embark for the United States. The emigrants, in all, most every instance, proceed on passage warrants sent them from friends across the Atlantic who emigrated some years ago.

GALWAY.

Gossip was recently busy in the little town of Glenties, near Tuam, as to the whereabouts of a gay member of the Royal Irish Constabulary, who had been expelled out of his bedroom by the vigilance of the centry on duty. A young woman of prepossessing appearance, and a native of Glenties, had also been missed at the same time. A couple answering the description of the happy pair were traced to the town of Ballymore, where they were taken to Dublin, travelling by the night mail. The young man was only a short time stationed at Glenties, having been previously quartered at Gort.

MAYO.

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. MacHale arrived at Castlebar on May 26th, accompanied by the Very Thomas MacHale, D.D.; and the Rev. Michael Heany, C. A. His Grace was the guest of the Very Rev. Mr. Magee, P. P., V. E., and all will rejoice to hear, in the enjoyment of excellent health. In two hours he confirmed nearly a thousand persons. Before and after administering the sacrament, the beloved Prelate addressed the congregation, his discourses being especially directed to the candidates. The church was thronged during the day. An enthusiastic meeting of the tenantry of the parish resolved upon leaving the Rev. Father Magee, on the advanced state of the building. A large number of the tenantry of Lord Dillon recently waited upon the agent, Messrs. Strickland, Esq., and demanded an abatement of rents. They were flatly refused. On May 29th a deputation, representing the tenantry on the estate of Sir Robert Blisse, waited on the landlord and demanded a reduction of rent. Sir Robert heard their statements, but has not yet given any denials to the tenantry. An enthusiastic meeting of the tenantry of Logaboy, a locality about four miles from Ballyhenry, was held on Sunday, May 25th, at Turlahane, to consider what was most expedient to be done, as their landlord, Mr. F. Nolan, peremptorily refused any abatement whatever of rents. They unanimously resolved upon presenting a petition to the landlord, and acceded to their demands. When the resolution was conveyed to Mr. Nolan, he ordered that legal proceedings be instituted against them for a half-year's rent now due. A subscription list was opened for the purpose of defraying the legal expenses.

SLIGO.

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HOME RULE.

Mr. Justin McCarthy, the prospective leader of the Home Rule party, recently gave utterance to the following hopeful sentiment in regard to that great measure of reform in Irish affairs—"It will be heard of again and again. No Home Ruler is in the slightest degree daunted by the assurance, coming from whatever seat of authority or seeming authority, that Parliament will never grant a National Legislature to Ireland. We have heard this sort of thing too often to be in any way impressed by it. Every great reform carried in Parliament is heralded by emphatic declarations that it never shall be carried. Within recent recollections how often have such declarations been made, and how often have they been made ridiculous by events! A tenant-right law, the disestablishment of the Irish Church, the ballot, compulsory education—how many times did great Ministers of the Crown, seemingly in possession of almost unlimited power, declare that it would be simply impossible for the English Parliament and the British Constitution to endure any of these things! I suppose of the British Constitution themselves and are held by some persons to be good reasons why no other reform should ever be adopted. Not one of these reasons had a better case to make out than I am unable to see why any Englishman should not regard the Home Rule movement with respect, even though he may be now unwilling to see it carried to success. The mere assertion of the part of the people that they are capable of managing their own affairs for themselves, and the demand to be allowed naturally to the manhood of the English-speaking people, should not even feel under any necessity to show that actual and severe grievance comes of the present system in order to justify the demand of Ireland for self-government in the affairs which every people best understands for itself. But a centralized system, with an overwhelming power in the hands of English majorities, must always, in the nature of things, inflict injustice and grievance on Ireland.

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A PROTESTANT CLERGYMAN'S OPINION.

The Memphis (Tennessee) Avalanche sometime ago published a remarkable lecture delivered by Rev. David Walk, Protestant clergyman, to the congregation of the Linden street Baptist Church in Europe. Alluding to Ireland, Mr. Walk is reported to have said—"My business is to state facts—not to make them. Of course, I had ever been taught—in fact, I had read in the Sunday School book—that the North of Ireland, which is supposed to be Protestant, is greatly superior to the South of Ireland, and I ever, upon the honor of a gentleman and a Christian, that a greater fraud than the assumed superiority of the Protestant over the Catholic population of Ireland was never palmed off upon an innocent and unsuspecting public. It is pitiful when men attempt to coin religious capital out of such material. On the other hand, I saw more squalor, more abject misery, more poverty and wretchedness in Glasgow and Edinburgh than in the whole of Ireland put together. Scotland is Protestant, Ireland is Catholic. I see it is my duty to state these facts as I see them, and not to take sides. The sun of heaven shines on no fairer land than the South of Ireland. From Malloy on the Brackwater, to Cork on the Lee, it is heart and beautiful as a dream in the eyes of a sincere maiden. I saw just in time, in Europe which is Dundee in Scotland; the other, Cork, in Ireland—with a decided preference for Cork. Everywhere in Ireland I was treated like a gentleman. Never for a single instant was I maltreated by a human being.

HOW MUCH MOORE RECEIVED FOR THE "MELODIES."

The terms offered by Power for the Irish Melodies were £2,500 a year, paid to Moore, for seven years, or as long further as he chose. Their publication extended over twenty-seven years, and included (last edition) one hundred and twenty-four songs in ten numbers; so that if that agreement was carried out, which there is no reason to doubt, Moore would have received £27,500 for the Irish Melodies and about \$25 a line—a sum without parallel in the history of literature. This, of course, is exclusive of the publisher's terms with Sir John Stevenson for the musical accompaniment and arrangement; while Macfarlane, R. A., the artist, in Cork, 1818, died in London, 1870, who executed most of the historical frescoes in the new Houses of Parliament—for one of which "Meeting of Wellington and Blücher after Waterloo," he received £17,500—illustrated the Irish Melodies. This great national work may favorably compare with any kindred production ever issued from the press. Its subjects are Irish and the illustrations are Irish, and the publisher is Irish; and while the Irish race never die, the Melodies and their author will never die.

THOSE LIBERAL CATHOLICS.

Catholics are often met by persons, who, claiming to be members of the same Church, boast that they are not tied to its dogmas. They call themselves "Liberal Catholics," and seem to glory in the title. When asked what is the peculiarity of this liberalism, they say that it is "freedom—freedom of thought, and freedom of speech." In plain English, they imagine themselves free to criticize the actions of the Church and her members. They consider it their duty to weigh against the want of "progress" manifested by the Pope at Rome, they laugh at the idea of infallibility, and depart themselves as if they were rather enemies than children of the Church. They consider themselves more enlightened than the generality of men, and show this enlightenment by associating with persons who scoff at religion; by not attending Mass on Sundays, by representing priests as no better than other people, and by a thousand other things, all manifesting a direct

contempt for religion. The whole system of liberalism, reduced to its final principle, is simply that of private authority opposed to the authority of the Church. What wonder that the Church, looking at the evil in all its hideousness, and considering its beneficial consequences, and its standing in the strong terms, and bids Catholics to stand fast to their faith, and to prove their fidelity to it by their close union with the Church. America is infected with this evil, and it behooves American Catholics to listen to the voice of their pastors, knowing that, "he who hears you hears Me," and that, "he who despises you despises Me."—N. Y. Catholic.

IRISH VOLUNTEERS PAST AND FUTURE.

Chevalier O'Leary has lately introduced a bill into the House of Commons for the enrolment of Irish Volunteers, and, strange to say, the bill has been accepted, in principle, by ministers, and has received a second reading without opposition. At first sight this seems to be good news, because the bill proposes to remove a degradation from Ireland by putting an end to the idea that she cannot be armed without being disloyal. For twenty years England, Scotland and Wales have enjoyed the privilege of possessing volunteer corps, and yet Ireland, who has been fostering national sentiment, and in promoting the healthy exercise of nearly 200,000 young men. Lord Palmerston steadily refused, (though he was of Irish descent), to allow the volunteer system to be extended to Ireland, and yet Ireland has been obliged to pay £27,000 a year to support in Great Britain that