

had been crowned in Dublin, and accompanied by a large Anglo-Irish and Burgundian force, invaded England. They were defeated, with great loss, at Stoke, leaving among the dead Lords Thomas and Maurice Fitzgerald, the Earl of Lincoln, and Martin Swartz, Commander of the German auxiliaries.

Page 293, (82). "Saint Alban's ransom'd abbey made."

The Abbey of St. Alban's was greatly favored by both the Saxon and Norman Kings of England. It was, at the spoliation, one of the richest in England, and its Abbot took precedence of all others in Parliament.—*Alban Butler*, under June 22.

Page 294, (83). "No jewel in her turban'd hair."

The turban is stated by several writers to have formed the head-dress of Irish ladies. As for their other raiment, we find it thus depicted in the old Scottish romance of *Squire Meldruyn*:

"Her kirtill was of scarlot reid,  
Of gold and garland of hir heid,  
Decorit with enamelyne;  
Belt and brochie of silver fyne;  
Of yellow taftais wes hir sark,  
Begaryit all with browderit wark,  
Richt craftelie with gold and silk."

Page 296, (84). "Oh, aid me, gracious Prince of Spain."

"He (Philip) obtained from Mary the release of several persons of distinction, whom she had thrown into prison, on suspicion of their disaffection to her government.—*Watson's Philip II., Book I.*

Page 297, (85). "*Feagh M' Hagh.*"

Feagh McHugh O'Byrne, a celebrated Wicklow chieftain of the sixteenth century.

Page 298, (86). "*Lament of the Irish Children Imprisoned in the Tower.*"

In the reign of Henry VIII., the school of "King's Wards" was projected, and it seems to have been a favorite practice, in that and the succeeding reigns, to demand the children of our chiefs as hostages, to be educated in London. Sir Edward Coke's infamous speech in James the First's Parliament, defending the perpetual imprisonment of the Irish children in the Tower, is the most striking document we know as to the fate of these unfortunate young captives.

Page 300, (87). "*The Poet's Prophecy.*"

Hugh O'Niel had a poet, O'Clery, who foretold the victory of the Black-