

THE ST. PATRICK'S CROSS.

Come, raise me up, alannah! Lift me up a little more, And let the sunshine touch my bed and stream upon the floor;

Once more I bid it welcome — 'tis the last for me, I fear, I've had a long, long journey, but the end is drawing near;

And yet I prize it dearer far than if it were solid gold. Long years ago I carried it, across the rolling sea,

How grand I felt that morn'g, with my cross and ribbon green; God and country bonded together, I was prouder than a queen.

How light and gay my spirits, as we children climbed the hill To seek for four-leaved shamrocks whilst the dew was sparkling still.

Whilst the blackbird sung his welcome—the primrose showed her face, And violets were nodding from each cosy hiding place.

My little cross, around you, oh, how many memories cling! Old times, old scenes, old faces to my mind this day you bring;

Come, pin it on my shoulder, child, in spite of age and pain, For Ireland and St. Patrick let me wear it once again.

The weight of years may go and come, but my soul will ever pray May God be with the good old land, and bless her honored Day,

And around the Cross entwined, may her shamrocks ever be met, That as she bore the burden she may share the triumph yet.

—E. A. SUTTON.

MONKS OF THE MIDDLE AGES.

The Very Rev. P. J. Garrigan, D. D., the vice-rector of the Catholic University, at Washington, D. C., was the lecturer at the Montauk Theatre, Brooklyn, recently, before members of the Knights of Columbus.

pan civilization. It was one great battlefield. No schools, no laws, no government but what came from the solitary imperishable Christian Church and the monastery.

There were three elements struggling for the mastery in the general confusion and darkness which reigned throughout Europe from the fifth to the ninth century, the reign of Charlemagne, the seed time of new Europe, barbarism, paganism and Christianity. Pagan and barbarian influences could not of themselves save nor reconstruct society on a secure and permanent basis.

The teaching church in those early days consisted of the Papacy and the monks. The Papacy and the monks were sowers of divine truth in the field of the world, the bearers of the divine message to man, who fearlessly preached the Gospel to every creature. There was no other form of religion in the Western world than that of the Apostolic Church.

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Toward the end of the fifth century Rome met her doom—her light and her life were simultaneously extinguished. Rome, the mistress of the world! Roma Immortalis! Eternal Rome! having conquered Assyria, Persia, Greece, Macedonia, became drunk with her victories, weakened by jealousies and enfeebled through luxury and excessive wealth.

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