## CLONTARF-AN IRISH NATIONAL DRAMA

On death to come and claim me. Then came one

Who spoke thy name, and at its mentioning A light broke on my soul. To-day, I stand The happiest of men, for I have now

Christ for my God-and He hath given me [Curtain falls.]

thee!

## SCENE III.

[The curtain rises just after the celebration of the marriage of Prince Thorstein and Reinalt. An Altar with lighted candles is seen. The Bishop stands upon the Altar step, his hands raised in blessing over the newly-married pair. The members of the Royal Household, and the Dalcassian Chiefs are seen standing on either side.]

(Bishop Fridolin speaks) :--

Princes and Chiefs of Erin, you have seen The Church unite as one this worthy pair, And all have joyed to note their happiness ; O, may it be a blessed augury, Of future unity and peace and love, Among the peoples of this favoured Isle, That, standing steadfast, they may never fear Or foreign foe, or internecine strife l This island, formed by God within His seas To be a Nation proud, inviolate, Let no man rend with fratricidal strife, That dulls out swords and gives the invader

place! This day let us rejoice for victory And for the overthrow of Pagan power; But, ere the jubilation doth begin, Turn to His Altar here whereon He dwells Forever with us, and let chant of praise Rise to His worship from adoring hearts ! [All turn and stand before the Altar. The Te Deum is chanted. The curtain falls.]

THE END.