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KIRWAN'S LETTERS

TO CHIEF JUSTICE TANEY.

LETTER XXV. Continued.

In addition to the testimony already adduced to support this opinion, permit me to state another, as narrated in Hardy's little volume on the "Holy Wells of Ireland." A gentleman from a young man performing stunts at the Well of Strath, near Downpatrick, and led with him the following conversation:

"What is your name?"

"John Lalley."

"Where are you from?"

"The county of Galway."

"What induced you to come so far to do stunts at this place?"

"Last November, a spirit in the shape of a man appeared to me every night for three weeks, near the house in which I lived in the county of Galway; and one night I took courage and spoke to him, saying, 'In the name of the Father Son and Holy Ghost, do me no harm, nor any one belonging to me, and tell me what it is that troubles you.' He replied, 'I am glad you speak for this is the last night I would have appeared to you. I have been dead these nine years, and you were but three and a half old when I departed. Before my death I promised to do stunts at Strath, but never performed my vow; and because I did not do this I can not rest.'"

"Did you enquire what his name was?"

"Yes; his name was Paddy Brady."

"What time did you see him when he promised to do the stunts?"

"In the neighbourhood of Downpatrick, near Strath."

"What was his calling when living?"

"A carpenter."

"Where did he say his spirit had been for the last nine years?"

"For the last five years he was up to his neck in water, under a bridge in this county; and for the last fourteen he has been in a sand-pit in the county of Galway."

"Are you certain that no person ever attempted to impose upon you in this affair? Were you ever inclined to doubt about it?"

"No, never; for the night he was going away, he took hold of my hand, and left a black mark on it, and went off in a flash of light."

"Have you been in a bad state of health lately?"

"No."

"Have you felt your head very uneasy or painful lately?"

"Never in my life."

"Where do you believe the spirit is now?"

"In Purgatory."

"And was he in Purgatory at the time he was under the bridge and in the sand-pit?"

"Yes."

"Why did you not come sooner to do the stunts?"

"Because he told me that the proper time to do them would be from May to Midsummer."

"Have you ever spoke to your parish priest respecting this strange affair?"

"Yes, I have."

"What does he advise you to do?"

"He advises me to do the stunts."

"What is your parish priest's name?"

"Mr. Coyne."

"What is the name of the under-bishop of the diocese?"

"Were there any masses said for the soul of this man after he died?"

"Yes, his mother got two masses celebrated, for which she paid me."

"And could not the masses get him out of Purgatory?"

"The masses will hold good; and if he had not promised to do the stunts, they would have fully answered."

"Have you seen the priest of this parish since your death?"

"I have."

"Have you told him all about the matter?"

"Yes."

"Did he say anything against your doing these stunts?"

"No."

"Do you say he would write to your priest about you?"

"No."

"Do you know how he is now?"

"Not yet."

"Have you brought any letter from your parish priest to the priest of this parish?"

"No."

"How long have you been here?"

"To-morrow will be the tenth day."

"What time do you begin your stunts?"

"About six o'clock in the morning, and I do six stunts before I break my fast. I have not done until seven o'clock in the evening."

"Do you see you are taking a smelter; do you never take a drink of water through the day?"

"No, neither beer or sup till the six stunts are finished."

"Do you believe that you will get any benefit of your own soul in consequence of your doing these stunts for the spirit you supposed you had seen?"

"Yes; for, for the spirit told me I would do this for him, that he would do five hundred times as much for me when he would be happy."

"Do you not think you are engaged to do these, what do you think would have been the consequence?"

"The spirit said that if I would not consent to do this for him, now, he would have to remain in the sand-pit for five years longer."

"Could he get no one but you to do the stunts for him?"

"No; the person fixed on since I was three years and a half old."

"Have you made any agreement to see the spirit again?"

"No; for as soon as I am done I will be happy."

"Do you believe that he is now in pain?"

"I believe my Lord that he is not in pain, but he is in a bad state."

"Do you think that the Lord Jesus Christ could have saved him without either masses or the stunts?"

"In this he made no reply, but, in a hesitating manner, expressed a persuasion that the masses and stunts were really necessary."

"Can you read?"

"No."

"How do you earn your bread?"

"I am a beggar."

"Is your father or mother alive?"

"My mother is alive."

"Have you walked from the county of Galway here?"

"I have travelled."

"How do you support yourself while here?"

"I have no means of support but what I get from the spirit of this house; they are very good to me."

"Will you go home as soon as you have done all the stunts?"

"I will not be able, my feet are so sore."

"Then you will stay here; are they very good to you?"

"They are very good to me, but I am very much troubled, and when he pulled up his trousers, they were very nearly in a state of complete ulceration."

"Here, Sir, is a picture of the degradation produced by the return of the superstition encouraged by his priests at the present hour. And this is not an exception to their influence, but an illustration of it. And think as it is in some ways compared with things and scenes of daily occurrence under the eye of the Pope himself. And I, who do not believe in this country, it is owing, not to their influence, but to the influence of the Holy Roman Empire, and their influence, through all its extent, is only evil, as to the temporal, social, intellectual, spiritual,

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