

“ BELL OF PATRICK'S WILL.”

This bell, which is 6 inches high, 5 inches broad and 4 inches deep, is kept at Belfast in a case of brass, enriched with gold and silver filigree work and gems. It is believed to be mentioned in the Annals of Ulster as early as the year 552. There is also preserved in Switzerland a four-sided bell that belonged to the Irish Missionary St. Gall, dating from the year 646. About this time much larger bells began to be cast, and about the year 680 they reached really considerable dimensions. In the year 680, Bishop Benedict Abbot brought a bell from Italy for a church that he built at Monkwearmouth, Sunderland, a sea-port town, which Holy Catholic Church remains standing to this day. The

FIRST REGULAR PEAL OF BELLS

was set up in King's College, Cambridge, England, in the year 1456.