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OH! SING THAT AIR AGAIN.

BY THOMAS M'CALLLEN.

Oh! maiden, sing that sweet old air,
The harp of Tara's hall;
'Twill drive away all thoughts of care,
And youthful joys recall.
The radiant hopes of early life
Rise softly on that strain,
For with fond memories it is rife—
Oh! sing that air again.

I'll listen to that heavenly sound
Swollen to my raptured ear,
Whilst memories of the past glide round
In visions soft and clear,
And as the twilight shadows fall,
Sweet joy shall round me reign,
Each hope it will recall—
Oh! sing that air again.

Again I'll see with Fancy's eyes
My loved, my native land,
And youthful friends in love arise,
A well remembered band,
And as each fair young form I see,
They will still all sense of pain,
For they were dearly loved by me—
Oh! sing that air again.

Yes, maiden, sing that loved old air!
Those memories of the past
Shall float around as phantoms fair,
Of joys too bright to last;
And mingling sweet each voice with thine
Will join in one refrain,
And breathe it soft as zephyrs sigh—
Oh! sing that air again.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

AT JAMAICA, N. Y.

From our American exchanges we learn of the magnificent celebration of the National festival held at Jamaica, N.Y., where Rev. J. A. McCallen, S.S., so well known in Montreal, preached the sermon. The report says:—
On Sunday, March 17th, the Rev. J. A. McCallen, S.S., who had been giving a mission at St. Monica's Church, preached a most eloquent sermon on Ireland's Patron Saint, during the solemn High Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. M. Fitzgerald, pastor, assisted by deacon and subdeacon. Father McCallen took for his text: "If you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet not many fathers. For in Christ Jesus, I have begotten you through the Gospel. Wherefore be ye followers of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor. Ch. 4: 15, 16).
He said in part: As the great apostle of nations was able to salute his beloved Corinthians, so could Ireland's apostle salute the children of the Irish race. You have had many instructors to break to you the bread of heavenly doctrine—many guides to lead you in the path of salvation—many defenders to protect you from the assaults of enemies, who would rob you, if they could, of your faith; but not many fathers. For in Christ Jesus, I have begotten you through the Gospel. The learned and eloquent preacher spoke of the wonderful gift of Catholic Faith, of how Patrick received it from his old depository, the Catholic Church, just as he received the commission to preach it to others, from the visible head of that Church, in the person of Pope Celestine. He brought the gift to a nation that was indeed pagan, but to a nation not of barbarians, as were nearly all the nations of modern Europe. He brought the Faith to a civilized people, who for centuries had had their laws, their schools, their arts and sciences, their chronicles and their music.
"This faith with its doctrine, its mysteries, its moral code, and even its evangelical counsels, the Irish people received with such avidity, that even in the lifetime of its Apostle, the beautiful and verdant isles dotted with convents and monasteries. From these latter sprang the great Irish schools and universities, which made Ireland the home of scholars. The Rev. Father mentioned Lisamore with its four thousand students, and Armagh with its seven thousand pupils, and one hundred lecturers, who taught science, both secular and religious. So numerous were these learned teachers, that going abroad, they founded similar houses of education in France, Germany, Spain, and even in far off Italy. In these new homes of their choice, many of their number were called to the mire, illuminating the continent with their science, and sanctifying it by the virtues of their beautiful lives. They had evidently answered the prayer of their Apostle, and had become followers of him, as he had been of Christ.
The children of the race in this country ought to prove themselves worthy of their ancestors—love the Catholic Faith and be submissive to its teachings, and manifest in their daily lives the power of Divine grace. Nothing after God's grace would more conduce to this end, than a knowledge of Irish history, the history of a Catholic people. The typical Irishman, as painted by the slanderous caricaturist, and the no less clamorous stage actor have been so long before our eyes that the children of the race have almost come to believe that the Irish are what these caricatures make them. The sum total of information possessed by most people concerning Ireland and our race may be found in the one sentence: "Poor ignorant Irish. Those who read history might point to the time, when Ireland was the home of art and science and of scholars, among whom could be found the princes of many a royal house, can point to the time when Ireland was a rich and prosperous

nation. What ruthless hands have caused the change? Let the admirers of these are any, of Henry VIII., Elizabeth, Cromwell, and their successors answer. Let the law-makers of the present English Parliament in this the opening twentieth century, who still retard every movement looking towards the improvement of Catholic education and temporal prosperity, in Ireland, answer. Who robbed the Irish of their land and then taunted them with their poverty? Who tore down or confiscated the monasteries—closed their schools and universities, drove the teachers from the land, set a price upon the head of any Irish Catholic who should teach or be taught, unless in schools which his conscience forbade him to enter, and then taunted the victims of this unrelenting persecution with being poor and illiterate? The Irish illiterate? Yes, under English penal laws—the Irish, poor? Yes, under English consecration and unjust land laws. But in every country to which the Irish thus persecuted fled, or were banished, they have proved that they love learning, and at great sacrifice have educated their sons and daughters and given these the knowledge, the learning, and the culture of which they themselves had been robbed in the old land.
The Irish race has its faults, but it has its grand qualities. Its history, both before and after its acceptance of the Gospel of Christ, is something, of which we, the children of the race, may well be proud. Our fathers have answered the prayer of their apostle, and have indeed walked in his footsteps, and this in spite of hundreds of years of unrelenting persecution, of calumny, of slander, of contempt from enemies who glory in their own shame. The world, even the world of this fair, free, and so-called liberal America has not read our history aright. But the ruins of churches, monasteries, and schools in Ireland tell in clear and eloquent language the love of the Irish people for their God and their faith. The chastity of the Irish maiden still bears witness to the wholesome teachings of the Catholic Church. The professional man, who, in this land, with great odium against them, have risen to the highest positions of trust and honor; who shed the lustre of their genius, their science, their courage and their patriotism, in army and navy, in courts of law, in institutions of learning and in the higher walks of social and professional life, are the best answer we can give to the oft repeated calumny that the Irish race is poor and illiterate. The day will, must come, when Irish history will be better known, even by the children of the race. In that day every Irish child will bless God that he has flowing in his veins the blood of ancestors, whose faith, whose honesty, whose pure lives, whose love of learning, whose generosity, patience and patriotism will be to him a strong incentive for joy, exultation and imitation. The day of Ireland's full redemption from calumnies so widely spread and so believed, must be near at hand. And therefore, O Erin, beautiful Isle of the sea, land of Faith, purity, generosity and patriotism, ancient home of schools and scholars, lift up thy tearful eyes, and behold the sunburst of thy future glory. Behold the day of thy justification, which must soon come to Thee; when they who have robbed, and they who have persecuted, and they who have calumniated, shall, their own sun having set, behold Thee as great, as glorious, as renowned and as free as ever Thou hast been in the brightest day of thy ancient glory. Amen.

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Mr. Downing's words are timely and well put. How any Irishman can contemplate without indignation and disgust the degrading parodies falsely styled "Irish comedies" we are at a loss to understand. And yet in the Division meetings of our Order they are sung and applauded when they should be vigorously denounced and their rendition absolutely prohibited. They constitute nothing more than "assinine disparagement" of our people, attempting to exhibit us before our fellow-citizens in a light of misrepresentation. Division officers should see to it that in all entertainments conducted under A.O.H. auspices, at least none of those "vile effusions" which reflect upon our people will be hereafter tolerated. As an organization we must cherish and preserve the purity and sweetness of Ireland's poetry and song and uphold at all times in our gatherings the traditions of our race in all that constitute the best type of Celtic manhood.

May Mr. Downing's advice sink deep into the hearts of every Hibernian, so that those idiotic and insulting caricatures, the so-called "Irish comedies," may never again be heard at an Irish entertainment of any kind.—The National Hibernian.

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is given for the benefit of grown men and women yet it often happens that thereby children are reached, and the words of the missionary which they hear spoken—though at the time they may make little impression on them—are remembered and bear fruit in after years.
It was in a small town in Western New York that a non-Catholic missionary was given some years ago, and among the attendants was a devout young Irish girl who brought a friend with her every evening. The girl was employed as a nurse, and as she could not well leave her little charge behind she brought with her the little boy for whom she was responsible. She thought the child would come to no harm, while the nights and music and excitement would keep him interested. The little boy, however, was a wide-awake child, and though he did not understand half that was said, yet some words fixed themselves in his mind, and he used often to ponder them over when alone.
The boy's parents were Protestants, and he was brought up by them in their belief, and apparently never thought of any other sort of religion. As he grew to manhood, religion of any sort fell away from him in the stress and excitement of youth. One day, however, he happened to go to a Catholic Church; called there by some business. The interior looked to him strangely familiar—the altar with its ornaments, the crucifix, the pictures on the walls—but he could not tell why it should be so. Suddenly his mind went back to his childhood; he remembered his nurse and the lectures he had attended with her. Soon after that a non-Catholic mission was given in the place, and through curiosity he went to one of the meetings. The intelligent explanation of Catholic doctrines, the considerate and sympathetic answers given to questions, moved him strangely, and he felt a great desire to look into the teachings of the Church more carefully. He sought an interview with the missionary and procured from him some books on the subject of the Catholic Church. These he read with so much profit, that he joined an inquiry class, and very soon declared himself a candidate for baptism. He was received into the Church, and is now a good practical Catholic.
Such a case illustrates how many there are who would embrace the faith if only they had a knowledge of it. Lack of opportunity is sometimes also an obstacle to conversion and shows how much there is for missionaries to do in out-of-the-way places. A missionary in a small town where there was no Catholic Church and where no mission had

ever been given was called upon by an elderly woman. She said to him, "Father, for years I have wanted to join the Church. My girlhood was spent among Catholics, and they often sought to bring me into the church, but I could not see my way to it. Some five years ago, after diligent study, I decided to join, but I had no means of doing so. There was no priest here, and I am a poor woman, and could not afford a journey to a large city with the possibility of having my request rejected. So I have been praying to God to help me, and now, I verily believe in answer to my prayers he has sent you here." The joy and surprise of the pious priest can be better imagined than described. He remarkedly well instructed, and the next day she was baptized, receiving God's answer to her many prayers.—Rev. A. P. Doyle, Secretary of the Catholic Missionary Union.

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