

FOUR LECTURES ON MCGEE

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LECTURE ONE

MCGEE THE IRISH PATRIOT

Two histories of Ireland were published in 1921, one in Dublin and one in New York. In the former Thomas D'Arcy McGee is not mentioned...

Am I remember'd in Erin— I charge you, speak me true— Has my name a sound, a meaning In the songs my boyhood knew?

O Mother! Mother Erin! Many sons your age hath seen— Many gifted, constant lovers Since your mantle first was green...

Yet faint and far, my Mother, As the hope shines on my sight, I cannot choose but watch it Till my eyes have lost their light...

Viewing McGee's life in the calm perspective of A. D. 1925, it is not too much to say that he not merely loved Ireland...

BIRTH AND CHILDHOOD

Thomas D'Arcy McGee was born in Carlingford, Co. Louth, Ireland, on the 13th day of April, 1825. His parents were James McGee, an honest, upright, religious man...

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WITH THE BOSTON PILOT

Through his mother's sister, who lived in Providence, R. I., D'Arcy McGee obtained, 5th July, 1842, a position in Boston in the office of the Pilot, then the leading Irish Catholic newspaper of America...

Ku Klux Klan. There one hundred per cent, native born Americans signified their patriotism by burning Catholic churches and convents and by slandering the recently arrived Irish Catholic Americans...

THE YOUNG IRELANDER

Curiously enough it was as their London correspondent that the Freeman editors decided to utilize him. However, while passing through Ireland, he met three young men, who, while political followers of O'Connell, were preparing Ireland, through their newspaper, The Nation...

Midsummer, 1846, was a tragic moment for Ireland. The potato failure of 1846 was repeated in 1846 and though grain was plentiful, it was sent out of the country. The peasants in pathetic resignation preferred to starve rather than seize the grain which though not legally, was under the circumstances, certainly morally, theirs...

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The attempted reconciliation of the trouble having failed largely on account of John O'Connell, the incapable son of a great leader, McGee joined the Young Irelanders in founding, in January, 1847, the Irish Confederation. Within a few months McGee became its secretary...

McGee's attitude towards Daniel O'Connell was correct until the end. Meanwhile O'Connell died and McGee married; Ireland starved and England remained her stubborn and stupid jailer. That was the situation in 1847. By the end of that year, Mitchell and the left wing of the Young Irelanders wanted to prepare for insurrection...

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