

St. Patrick Greatest of National Apostles.

whole course of history. Entering e found the country pagan. At his Felire styles him "the blaze of a plendid sun, the Apostle of Stain-

like the beloved John; a fair flower

garden to children of grace, a fruit-

ful vine branch, a flashing fire

with force and warmth of heat, to

the sons of life, for instituting and

illustrating charity; a lion in

strength and power, a dove in gen-

tleness and humility; a serpent in

wisdom and cunning to do good;

gentle, humble, merciful to the sons

of life: dark, ungentle towards the

sons of death; a servant of labor and

service of Christ, a king in dignity

and power for binding and loosening

for liberating and convicting, for

killing and giving life. So long as

the sea girdeth Erin, so long his

name shall hang in splendor o'er it

Patrick signifies "patrician or

nobleman," and in Ireland for cen-

turies after the saint's death,

through very reverence, no Irish

name to his child. Irish children,

however, were frequently, in former

times, called Mael-Patrick or Gilla-

Patrick. In latter times the name

has been adopted through devotion

and love, as it was formerly not

ventured on, through reverence and

respect. Patrick became for centu-

Ireland, but also in the Isle of Man

ries a popular name, not only

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the Gordons

St

Aberdeen: the Dunbars

frequently given to the chiefs of the

"No other saint, with the except

tion of St. Paul," remarks Cardi

nal Manning, "has done so much for

Fiac, "he battled with obdurate

Druids. He overcame proud men by the aid of the King of Bright Hea-

"His career." says Father Burke

resembles more the triumphant pro

gress of a king than the difficult la

Frees of a king than the difficult la-bors of a missionary. The Gospel, with its lessons and precepts of self-denial, prayer, and purity, in a word of the violence which setzes in hea-ven, is not congenial to fallen man. His pride, his passion, his blind-ness of intellect and hardness of

the Catholic Church as St. Patrick.

"He baptized Gentiles," says

parent would presume to give

like the stars of God."

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a list of the he world. The persons to every e available. tands at the head 87,000. an Petronio, Bo-Cathedral, and Iral is about 24,ophia, Constantiabout Rome,

and in Scotland. It was a favorite Christian name with many of the Scottish nobility, as, for , 21,000. example, the Grahams, Dukes great churches Montrose; the Drummonds, Earls of Perth; the Lindsays, Earls of Cr 13,000. the City of Mexi-Boyls, Earls of Glasgow; the Maules Earls of Passmore; otre Dame, largest Earls of e two America, though Earls of March; the Murrays, Earls econd class, with of Ellbank; the Hays, Earls of Kina, 12,000, a, 12,300. noul; the Crightons, Earls of Dumfries, etc. Among all these power ful families the name of Patrick was

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vens.

St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland and the Catholic missionary has, there-Patron of Australia, is assuredly fore, ever been, and must continue to one of the grandest and greatest be, a work of great labor, with apcharacters that we encounter in the parently small results. Such has it ever been among all nations; and reland nearly fifteen centuries ago, yet Ireland seems a grand exception. She is perhaps the only country in eath, in 493, he left after him a the world that entirely owes her hristian nation; hence Aengus in his conversion to the work of one man He found her universally pagan; he

left her universally Christian." ss Erin." "For his good deeds," It has been remarked that among ays St. Sechnall, "he is compared pagan nations those that were the with angels, and for his perfect life most civilized usually yielded the most abundant harvest. The Ca-"Pious," says St. Fiech, "was Pat- tholic missionaries went among rick till death. He was powerful in them for the first time, civilization

xpelling evil. That is what spread thus proving itself to be a natural expelling evil. That is what spread the proving teen to be a natural his praise up to every nation of preparation for the Gospel. Ireland, mankind." Tillemont likens St. in St. Patrick's day, had reached a Patrick to "the prophets of the Old comparatively high degree of civiliza Law," and to the Apostles, "who in tion. Fourteen hundred years before the grace and power of Pentecost he came the Irish nation ruled by first spread the faith of Christ." its Ard-right, or high king and the its Ard-right, or high king, and its $\begin{array}{c} \text{free spread the faith of Onlist.} \\ \text{St. Evin compares him to the Pa-} four subordinate kings had its tri- showed them the hollowness of Pro- Where lordly mountains kiss the the spread th$ triarchs, and calls him "a true pil-grim like Abraham; gentle and fora praiseworthy the Irish people had their colleges of the knowledge of the Holy Ghost, invasion, the Irish people were re- in the teaching of St. Patrick. The

The peculiar points of St. Pat- adorable sacrifice of the Son rick's teaching were the following : God; nor did he ever cease to teach Fidelity to St. Peter's Chair and to the people and to instruct his dis-St. Peter's successor, the Pope of ciples. The following blessing, found Rome; devotion to the Blessed Vir- at page 234 in the famous "Book gin Mary; prayer, and remembrance of Rights," and addressed by the for the dead, and confiding obedi- saint on behalf of all the inhabitants ence and love for their bishops and of Ireland, is very touching and priests. By the first-namely, fide- very beautiful: lity to the Pope-he secured the

unity of the Irish Church as a liv- "Be Erin blessed at evening hours, ing member of the Church Catholic; When sunset gilds her fragrant by the second-devotion to the Blessbowers;

ed Virgin-he secured the purity and When whirlwinds howl, my blessings morality of the people; by the third be. -care of the dead-he enlisted on My generous Erin still with thee;

the side of Catholic truth the natu- To thee be every blessing given, ral love and strong feelings of the From favoring skies by bounteous Irish character; and by the lastheaven: attachment and obedience to the Be blessings on thy bashful maids,

priesthood-he secured to the Irish Be blessings on thy battle blades, Church the principle of internal Blest be the fisher tribes that roam union, which is the secret of her Thy black'ning surge and whitening foam; "Ireland's preservation of the Ca-Oh, blessed be thy stormy night,

tholic faith," continues Father And blessings on thy morning bright Burke, "has been a puzzle to the Be blessings on thy castle towers. world, and men have sought to ex- Be blessings on thy village bowers; plain it in many different ways. The My blessings on thy waving corn, true reason lies in the all-important And every babe in Erin born; circumstance that the religion of the Blessed be thy thunder's angry roar Irish people was the true religion of And every wave that laps thy shore Jesus Christ, bringing not only light And blessed be the smiles serenc to the intelligence but grace and Of sunshine on thy forests green, strength to the heart of the na- Where meadows spread, where The light of the divine faith testantism, in which they recognized skies. an outrage upon common-sense and On every hamlet, vale and hill, reason, as well as upon God; and My blessing be with Erin still;

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giving like Moses; a praiseworthy the Irish people had their colleges of reason, as wen as upon cod; and My dessing be with Eriff Statistics of the grade of their holy Catholic re-on blessed be the rain and dew, and every breeze that visits you; sel for proclaiming truth like the Moses, to the Anglo-Norman we recognize the providence of God Thy chieftain's doon, thy abbot's built of the truth of the trut ball:

hil-

My blessings on thy matrons fair: Thy mineral treasures rich and rare: The flocks that blest, the herds that low.

The streams that warble as they flow. On every cottage, hall and hi'l,

My blessings be with Erin still."

During a long portion of his missuch great things in Ireland: sion in Ireland, in imitation of the Apostles, he went constantly on age and infirmities, he used a cha- up in an extraordinary manner, even riot, according to the custom of the from the state y of captivity, for the country. Over his other garments purpose of securing their salvation. he was clothed with a white cowl, so that in the form and the pure color of his dress he showed his profession, and proved himself a candidate of lowliness and innocence. now preserved, or which, perhaps, Whence it came to pass that the monks in Ireland, following his ex- the following statement: "The year, ample, for many years were content- therefore, that St. Patrick came to ed with the simple habit which the Ireland was the four hundred and wool of the sheep afforded them, un- thirty-third from the Incarnation, in tinged with any foreign dye. In his countenance, in his gait, in dosius, king of the world, and in the

his whole person, did he edity the first year of the Episcopacy of Six-beholders; and his discourse was well tus, the Coarb of Peter, and in the fourth of the reign of Leoghaire easoned and suited to every age, sex, rank and condition. He was MacNiall. at Tara, and in the sixthoroughly skilled in four languages, tieth year of his own age; and for the Biriths, the Irish, the Gaelic sixty years he baptized and instructand the Latin; and the Greek lan- ed the men of Erin." guage also he partially understood. The little book of proverbs which three-score years the Crucifixion of club. Brief speeches were made by he composed in the Irish tongue still Christ to the tribes of the Feni." several of the other officers. exists, and his great volume, called It was St. Celestine, the predecessor of Pone Sixtus that con Phadra every per son, layman and cleric, unto the ex- rick to Ireland, and he did not live, of Irishmen and sons of Irishmen and ercise of justice and the salvation of souls. So excellent was he in the the saint's consecration. spirit of prophesy that he foretold divers future events, even as if they were present. Though in his manifold virtues he equaled all other saints, in the virtue of humility he surpassed even chessa, was sister to St. Martin of himself, for in his epistles he was wont to mention himself as the low- was warned that he should not di est and vilest of sinners, and, little retreat, where he had built accounting the signs and miracles that he had wrought, he thought himself not to be compared to any just man, and, being but of small by his angel guardian, he fortified stature, he used often to call himfrom the hand of his disciple, the self a dwarf, even in the spiritual sense. Often, after the manner sense. Often, after the manner of St. Paul, he toiled with manual la-his eyes, he beheld the heaven bor, fishing and tilling the ground, opened, and Jesus standing in the but chiefly in building churches, to midst of a multitude of ang Then, raising his hands and bless which employment he urged his dising his people, and giving thanks iples, both by exhortation and example. Nevertheless, right earnestly he passed forth out of this did he apply himself to baptizing from the faith unto reality, from his the people and ordaining the minis- pilgrimage unto his country, from the p ters of the Church, so that a very transitory pain unto eternal glor large number of bishops and priests The death of St. Patrick occurre transitory pain unto eternal glory on March 17 498 did he prepare, besides a still greatr multitude of monks and nuns. His great work, styled his "Con- the popular distich: er multitude of monks and muns. fessions," was composed in his old age, and some short time before his, "In Down three Saints one grave do



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is composed in very homely Latin, SHAMROCK LACROSSE CLUB for which the saint excuses himself OFFICERS RE-ELECTED by alleging that he had been obliged to adopt another language

Irish, and had thus nearly forgotten The annual meeting of the Shamock Lacrosse Club was held last first taught him. His principal object Monday evening in the Hall of St. in writing it was to glorify God, Ann's Young Men's Association. goodly number of the members of the done club being present. The financial statement, which was presented by and also to confirm to their faith the converts whom he had baptized by Mr. W. P. Lunny, the secretaryfoot; but afterwards, by reason of proving that God had raised him treasurer of the Shamrock Association, showed that the club had a surplus for the year of \$5,624.56. The net gate receipts were \$10,575. In the "Leabhar Breac," which 32.

the learned Petrie pronounces to be The election resulted as follows, "the oldest and best Irish manunearly all of last year's officers be script relating to Church history ing re-elected:

Honorary President, Ald. Tom the Irish ever possessed," we find O'Connell. President, Mr. H. E. McLaughlin.

First Vice-President, Mr. T. F. Slattery.

Second vice-president, Mr. Hughes. the ninth year of the reign of Theo-Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. J. Brenan.

Assistant Secretary, Mr. D. Calaghan.

Mr. McLaughlin, in a brief address, thanked the members for re-election to the office of president. He remarked that the increase in membership during the past year had been

As Fface says, "He preached for the greatest in the history of the Mr. John Dodds said that the

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hese of intellect and hardness of heart all oppose the spread of the Gospel; so that the vary fact that mankind has so universally accepted it is adduced as a proof that it must be from God. The work of

ford; the Lyons, Thanes of Glamis the Homes, Earls of Marchmont; the

cording to various grades and ranks

under the sway of a single mon

arch presiding over certain supordin-

ate provincial kings, and such was the love of learning in this ancient

racs that when the ollay or philoso

pher was ordained by the king. he

was entitled to sit at table year to

the king himself. The no ion, there-

fore, that St. Patrick cane to evan

gelize was a civilized race, a people

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we expect rich results, and we are not disaponent un hopes are more than real wit."

gracious and high of heart,

ST. PATRICK.

nowned for their skill in the fine new and false religion assailed pre cisely those points of Catholic teach-

"There is," says the great antiquaings which he had engraved most rian, O'Curry, "abundant evidence in deeply on the mind and heart the manuscripts relating to that pe-Ireland, as if he had anticipated the riod to show that St. Patrick found trial prepared for it. It is on his coming to Erin a regularlyover fourteen hundred years since defined system of law and policy, a St. Patrick's death." fixed classification of the people, ac-

Satan since then has often tried, by fraud and force and guile, To win again the land he lost Patrick blessed the Isla But quite in vain were all his orte to change her steadfast will, For Ireland's heart unfailing cleaves to God and Mary still;

And Ireland's faith hath well with stood the scoffer's biting jibe, The scaffold, sword and prison-cell, and the often-proffered bribe: So let all pray that in that land the holy faith may last.

By virtue of St. Patrick's prayer, till time itself is passed.

St. Patrick's pravers were al continual. Every day three hundred times did he bend his knees in ado ration of the Lord; every canon

"Bard and Brehm, priest and chief, Spurned their old, false dreams like dross, And each enrolled himself a knight. of the day did he sign himself 'Neath the banner of the Faith, 'neath the Standard of the Oross.'' with the sign of the Cross. Never theless, he never omitted to offer up every day worthily and devoutly the

death. The last words are: "This fill-is my confession before I die." It Bridget. Patrick and Columball."

St. Pat it is said, more than one week after therefore he thought an Irish national flag should float over According to the commonly-receiv-

club house. He made a motion, ed opinion, St. Patrick was born which was seconded by Ald.. Tom O'Connell, authorizing the committee near Boulogne, in France. His fa ther, Calphurnius, was of a noble to purchase an Irish flag to be used on the club house. Roman family, and his mother, Con-

Mr. P. Brennan suggested that it Tours. Before his death the saint would be a good thing to encourage the players by promising them a in Armagh, but in Saul, his favorite trip to the Old Country if they won the championship. upon He said tibe team could play at the Dublin Exhithe land given him by his first con vert, Dicho. Being so admonished bition and it would be sure to re ceive a warm welcome in the misself with the divine mysterie

The general opinion of the meeting seemed to be that Mr. Brennan's up proposition was a good one, but no definite action was taken in the matter.

DIED

MYERS-At the residence of his brother-in-law, M. J. Fleming, 249 St. Joseph St., Lachine, John Myers, aged 78 years, native of County Clare, Ireland. Funeral from the above address Tuesday morning at 8.30 to the parish church. Friends are invited to attend.

fember of St. Gabriel's T. A. & B Societ