

LIFE OF RT. REV. EDWARD MAGINN.



CHAPTER I.

BIRTH AND FAMILY OF DR. MAGINN—HIS FIRST TEACHER—STUDIES AT THE IRISH COLLEGE, PARIS—ORDAINED IN IRELAND—APPOINTED CURATE OF MOVILLE — BRIEF ACCOUNT OF INISHOWEN — “THE DERRY DISCUSSION”—CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION—MR. MAGINN APPOINTED PARISH PRIEST.

At the beginning of the present century there lived in the parish of Fintona, county Tyrone, Ireland, a Catholic farmer named Patrick Maginn. He married in early life Mary Slevin, by whom he had already seven children, when, on the 16th day of December, 1802, an eighth was born to them. To this child they gave in baptism the name of Edward.

The Maginns and Slevins were commonly spoken of, in that country, as “levitical families.” For many gene-