

The Morning Good-Bye.

A kiss he took and a backward look, And her heart grew suddenly lighter;

ERIN'S FAITH.

How It Relisted the Forces of Paganism and Protestantism.

We extract the following from the eloquent discourse delivered by Bishop Healy, of Clontarf, at the consecration of the college church at Maynooth last month:

Worldly-minded men think our history is an inglorious record, because, to a great extent, it is a history of pain and suffering; but from a spiritual point of view it is a glorious and successful struggle for the faith, and what to one will be its darkest scenes will appear to the other to be its brightest pages.

IRISH FOOTPRINTS ON THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE.

So went these Irish monks to preach the Gospel, and they went in crowds. One writer says it became a second nature to them; another says they inundated the continent of Europe like the waves of the sea.

IRELAND'S LAST GREAT BATTLE FOR THE FAITH.

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The great libraries of the continent now contain the literary treasures filched from those ancient Irish monasteries—but their origin cannot be questioned, for they were copied and annotated with loving care by Irish hands and in Irish characters, more than eight hundred years ago.

THE GREATEST OF IRELAND'S NATIONAL HEROES.

It was, however, all the same, one battle for the faith. And surely none will deny that the Danish wars were also one long conflict for the faith. Brian Boru was as much a battler for the faith as he was for his country.

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PRECIOUS RELICS.

Garments, Hair and Rings of the Blessed Virgin Kept in Many Shrines.

Let us enumerate some of the most famous relics of Our Lady, and the sanctuaries enriched by their presence, says the Catholic Weekly Review.

A portion of the hair of the Blessed Virgin is all that we now possess of the body that was once the tabernacle of the Incarnate Word.

PROVIDENCE HAS NOT PERMITTED MANY OBJECTS SACRIFICED BY THE POSSESSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN TO BE LOST; MARVELLOUSLY HAVE THEY BEEN PRESERVED THROUGH AGES OF PERSECUTION; AND WHEN THE STORMS OF INIQUITY HAD SUBSIDED, GOD INSPIRED HOLY PERSONS, AMONG OTHERS ST. HELENA AND ST. PULCHERIA, TO PRESENT THEM ANEW TO THE VENERATION OF THE CATHOLIC WORLD.

There are, in the first place, two tunics. One of them is prized as the most precious object in the treasury of Aix-la-Chapelle. It was presented by Charlemagne, who had himself brought it from Constantinople.

There exist also two robes, which are said to have been bequeathed by Our Lady to two pious widows, with whom she wished to leave a token of friendship. It appears that these robes, after having been the property of the principal church in Constantinople for many years, were afterwards divided, and distributed among the different churches of the Christian world.

One of the most precious objects belonging to the Blessed Virgin was for a long time preserved in Constantinople; but it is now in Rome, in the Church of St. Mary Major. The city of Perugia, however, possesses a portion of it, sent thither from Constantinople in the middle of the thirteenth century.

DO YOU SEE THE POINT?

Read this Carefully and see if You Comprehend its Meaning.

A country paper says: "We suppose many people think newspaper men are persistent duns. By way of comparison let us suppose a farmer raises 1,000 bushels of wheat a year and he sells this out to persons in all parts of the country, a great portion of them saying: 'I will hand you the dollar in a short time.'"

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THE BIBLE IN CATHOLIC SERVICES.

A favorite charge against the Catholic Church is that she keeps the Bible away from the laity. Many honest and sincere Protestants no doubt entertain this delusion.

In the first place, every reading Catholic is, or ought to be, provided with a good prayer-book with which to follow the services of the Church as they are held in the sanctuary.

Whether we understand the language of the liturgy or not, we can read what the priest says at the altar in our own language, whatever that language may be.

If, therefore, we can prove that the greater part of the liturgy of the Church is made up of selections from the Scriptures, we will have established the proposition that the Catholic laity are not debarred from reading the Bible, but that, on the contrary, they read it extensively in their public worship.

Let us first take up the Mass service and see how much of it is made up from the Bible text. When the priest begins the Mass he says the Introit, which is usually a passage from Scripture.

The beautiful Vesper service is composed of Psalms. The Divine office which all the priests are bound to say every day, for the most part, extracts from the Scriptures.

THE MEEK AND LOWLY.

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