

Page 344, (111). "And ye who shelter'd Harold and Bruce."

Harold, the last of the Saxons, and Robert Bruce, both found refuge in Ireland from defeat, and returned from it to victory.

Page 352, (112). "*The Battle of Ayachucho*."

This battle, fought the 8th of December, 1825, was the Yorktown of South America. The Spanish Viceroy and his entire force surrendered themselves as prisoners of war to the Patriots under General Sucre. Col. O'Connor, mentioned in the poem, was chief of the Patriot staff.

Page 355, (113). "*The Haunted Castle*."

Donegal Castle, the chief seat of the princely family of the O'Donnells, stands now in ruins, in the centre of the village of the same name, at the head of Donegal Bay. It was built in the fifteenth century, and shows, even in its decay, royal proportions. The present owner, Lord Arran, to his credit be it told, has it well walled and cared for. The remains of the abbey, where the Four Masters completed their *Annals*, are within sight of the castle.

Page 357, (114). "*The Abbey by Lough Key*."

A famous monastery of Premonstratensians, the Order of St. Norbert, founded on Lough Key by Clarus McMailen O'Mulconry, A.D. 1215, figures frequently in our annals. There are notices of Clarus in the *Four Masters*, at the years 1235, 1237, 1240, and 1247, which give us interesting glimpses of the power and benevolence of this Irish representative of the great Archbishop of Magdeburg.

Page 368, (115). "*Hannibal's Vision of the Gods of Carthage*."

"In his sleep, as he told Silenus, he fancied that the supreme God of his fathers had called him into the presence of all the gods of Carthage, who were sitting on their thrones in council. There he received a solemn charge to invade Italy."—Arnold's *Rome*, chap. xliii.

Page 381, (116). "*The Virgin Mary's Knight*."

In the Middle Ages, there were Orders of Knights specially devoted to our Blessed Lady, as well as many illustrious individuals of knightly rank and renown. Thus the Order called "Servites," in France, was known as *L'Esclaves de Marie*, and there was also the Order of "Our Lady of Mercy," for the redemption of captives; the "Templars," too, before their fall, were devoutly attached to the service of our Blessed Lady.

Page 385, (117). "*Sebastian Cabot to his Lady*."

To the reader, whose idea of Sebastian Cabot is associated with the usual pictures of him, taken when he was nearly four-score, it may be necessary