

LEGEND OF THE FUCHSIA.

The legend of this flower I heard long years ago.
'Tis thus, that when upon the Cross
The soldier with his cruel spear
Had pierced His precious side,

T. M. R.

IRISH LITERATURE.

THOMAS FURLONG, A GENUINE POET

A sketch of a True Irish Bard, contributed by an old friend of the "True Witness"

This "sleeping boy who perished in his pride," had no claims to notice but those which genius furnished; but these were of an order which gives an immortality to his name, despite the neglect of his countrymen.

One extract more, and I have done. It will serve to show that Furlong knew every avenue to the human heart.

In danger's dark and trying hour,
A feverish hand, the beam of power;
A father's eye, it was time to prove
The force—the constancy—of ill love!

Such is the brief history of one of Ireland's most gifted sons; and that genius and that industry must have been of a very superior order which could, under the circumstances of such a brief life, raise the individual to a station in the republic of letters, to which few of his countrymen—in fact any other men have as yet attained.

From a very early age, Furlong wooed the "sacred nine." His early enthusiasm, however, I have never seen, but a poem of his entitled "The Misanthrope," given to the world as early as 1819, is at the date of writing before me, and, though of a dialectic nature, it abounds with beauties, and shows that, even young as the author then was, his powers of versification were of a very superior order.

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"Who but in youth's more early days hath seen
Some frail, her loitering on the village green,
Who, if by chance, his raptur'd-stricken ear
Happens some wildly warbled air to hear—

This extract, I think betrays the genuine power of the poet; it is to my

mind, beautifully natural. There is much of Goldsmith's sweet simplicity in it, though Pope's style was evidently the model on which the poem was formed.

Our poet now breaks off and sings:
He died—his bones, as yet, were doom'd to lie
Bleach'd by the wind that fans a foreign sky!

This affords the poet an opportunity of paying a merited compliment to a religious establishment, founded at Summer Hill, Dublin, by the Sisters of Charity:

Even here, before us, in this passing hour,
We stop to trace its life-inspiring power.
Even at this day, in holy robe array'd,
The Sisters of Charity, in cloister'd shade;

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before the public, both as a poet and prose writer. Amongst his most intimate literary and personal friends may be mentioned Moore, Lady Morgan, and Charles Robert Maturin. He contributed largely to the New Monthly and the Dublin and London Magazines.

Abounding in talent, and not more distinguished for his genius than for his patriotism—a resident of Dublin, remarkable for his convivial qualities, and possessing the esteem of all who knew him—his death, at the premature age of two and thirty, ought to have excited the sympathy and regret of his countrymen.

At the time of his death, he was in the full vigour of his powers, and his mind was in the habit of producing some of the finest poetry of the day.

To those who desire a noble appreciation of Thomas Furlong and his writings, I recommend a perusal of "O'Connell and his Friends," by the late Thomas D'Arcy McGee, published by Donohoe, Boston, 1854.

Rev. Wm. Hollinshead,
Pastor of the Presbyterian church of Sparta, N.Y., voluntarily writes strongly in favor of Leo's sacrifice.

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Help me, whether earthly or spiritual, he disdained; and was, during his brief career, what O'Connell described him, "a thorn in the side of the enemy."

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