

AN ERRATIC IRISH GENIUS.

Particulars of the Career of James Clarence Mangan, "the Irish Edgar Allan Poe."

The name of that singular and most original child of genius and sorrow, James Clarence Mangan, is the synonym for all that is "most musical, most melancholy," writes Thomas B. Finn, S. J., in the Cork Examiner. Gavan Duffy says of him: "He was as truly born to sing deathless songs as Keats or Shelley; but he lived and died in a provincialized city and his voice was drowned for a time in the roar of popular clamor." Whenever he passed through the streets, which he seldom did, and then wrapped in deep thought, he arrested the attention of all that met him by his odd appearance. He was of medium height, somewhat stooped, thin and wasted. Winter and summer he wore an old faded blue coat, buttoned tightly around him. Under a high-crowned hat of broad brim, his large, finely-shaped head was seen, and deep blue eyes, expressive, soulful, lighting up a sad face of death-like paleness, and golden hair, fine and silky, hanging down in careless tangles. To finish the picture, he carried under his arm a big old-fashioned umbrella. As Gavan Duffy finely says, "he looked like the spectre of some German romance rather than a living creature."

Mangan was the Irish Edgar Poe. In many respects, in a weird, haunting melody, in a grace and aptness of expression, in a tone of sadness so deep, so piercing, that it startles us like a cry from the depths, the cry of a lost soul, in a waywardness of conduct, a weakness of will, manifested especially in a passion for strong drink—in these and other points, poor Clarence Mangan strongly calls to mind the unhappy genius and blighted life of the author of "The Raven" and "The Bells." But Mangan's life was a hundred times sadder and more desolate than Poe's. Still he had what Poe had not to sustain him. He had a firm faith, an humble reliance on Providence; he had, too, a kind heart, and while he never blamed anyone but himself for his sins and sorrows, neither did he ever injure anyone but himself by the consequences of the same. How different from the mouthings and curses of the "satanic school" are these verses:

Of with tears I've groined to God for pity—
Of gone wandering till my way grew dim—
Of sung unto Him a prayerful dirge—
Of all lonely in this beautiful city,
Raised my soul to Him.

And from path to path His mercy tracked me—
From many a peril snatched He me—
When false friends pursued, betrayed, attacked me,
When gloom overdarkened, and sickness racked me,
He was by to save and free!

John Mitchell said that he never met a cultivated Irishman or Irishwoman, of genuine Irish nature, who did not prize Clarence Mangan above all the poets that their island of song ever nursed. Why, then, is this rare genius so seldom spoken of, so little known, except among his own countrymen? An easy question to answer, gentle reader. "Mangan," to use Mitchell's incisive words, "was not only an Irishman, not only an Irish Papist, not only an Irish Papist rebel, but throughout his own literary life of twenty years he never deigned to attain to English criticism, never published a line in any English periodical, or through any English bookseller, never seemed to be aware that there was a British public to please. He was a rebel politically, and a rebel intellectually and spiritually—a rebel with his own heart and soul against the British spirit of the age. The consequence was sure and not unexpected."—*Boston Republic.*

THE CHINESE HORROR.

Particulars of the Massacre of the Foreign Missionaries.

London, Aug. 5.—At the Chinese Legation here it is stated that no information has been received regarding the massacre of missionaries near Ku Cheng beyond the meagre statement that five persons have been killed or wounded at Wua Sang.

London, Aug. 6.—The correspondent of the Times at Shanghai says that the missionaries killed at Ku Cheng were murdered by an organized band of eighty of the Vegetarians. The correspondent says: "The ladies begged for their lives, promising to yield their property and valuables, but the leader of the band shouted out the order to kill them outright. A corrected list of the victims is as follows:

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart.
Miss Nellie Baunders and Miss Lena Irish, burnt in the house.
Miss Stettie Newcombe was spared and thrown down a precipice.
Miss Marshall had her throat cut.
Miss Gordon, spared in the head.
Miss Topsy Saunders, spared in the brain.
Master Herbert Stewart, skull fractured and brain exposed.
Lena Stewart died from shock.
The correspondent concludes: "Four other Stewart children and Miss Codrington were seriously wounded."

A DASTARDLY ATTEMPT

Made by an Anarchist to Murder a French Mine Director.

PARIS, August 4.—News has been received here of a dastardly attempt to murder M. Vuillemin, the managing director of the coal mines at Aniche, eight miles from Douai, in the department of the Nord. A monster banquet had been prepared for the celebration to-day of the completion of the 50th year of M. Vuillemin's connection with the mines. After Mass had been celebrated this morning M. Vuillemin, surrounded by a party of engineers and shareholders in the mines, was standing under the church porch when an anarchist miner named Camille Decoux, who had been dismissed from the service of the company after the strike of 1889, approached and fired five shots from a revolver at him. Three of the bullets took effect, one striking M. Vuillemin in the cheek, another in the hand and another in the back, inflicting serious but not dangerous wounds. After emptying his revolver Decoux was preparing to throw a bomb which he had concealed about his person when by some means the infernal machine exploded prematurely, dismembering the would-be murderer and hurling his mangled body a distance of 11 feet from where he was standing. Ten by-

standers were slightly injured by the explosion. Decoux was carried to the Mayrality house, but he died immediately after his arrival there. The attempt upon M. Vuillemin's life has created the most intense excitement throughout the district.

After the bomb exploded Decoux's father, who was among those gathered about the church, became greatly excited and rushed to the spot where his son lay and began to kick him, all the time screaming "Canaille assassin." The combined efforts of several witnesses of the assault were necessary to restrain him. The force of the explosion threw down several of the bystanders, but only four persons were injured. All the windows of an inn in the vicinity were shattered. Decoux, who was 26 years of age and unmarried, had recently been working at Wasters, a short distance from Aniche. M. Vuillemin was removed to his home in a carriage immediately after his wounds had been dressed and is now making favorable progress towards recovery.

COMMERCIAL.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.

FLOUR—We quote:—Spring Patent \$4.60 to \$4.75. Winter Patent \$4.50 to \$4.60. Straight Roller \$4.05 to \$4.20. City Strong Bakers \$4.35 to \$4.50. Manitoba Bakers \$4.25 to \$4.35. Ontario bags—extra \$1.40 to \$2.00. Straight Roller, bags \$2.05 to \$2.10.

RYEMEAL—Rolled and granulated \$4.05 to \$4.10; standard \$4.00 to \$4.05. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.95 to \$2.00, and standard at \$1.90 to \$1.95. Pot barley \$4.25 in bbls. and \$2.00 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

BRAN, ETC.—Bran, which is scarce, is quoted at \$17.00 to \$18.00. Shorts are firm at \$19.50 to \$21.00 as to quality, and Moullie at \$21.50 to \$23.00 as to grade.

WHEAT—In the West red and white winter are quoted at 75c to 78c, and Manitoba No. 1 hard spring at 98c.

CORN—The market rules quiet at 51c to 52c in bond, and 59c to 60c duty paid.

PEAS—Peas are dull both here and in the West, the last sale reported here being at 73c per 60 lbs. afloat, and in the Stratford district they have dropped to 56c and 57c per 60 lbs. f.o.b.

OATS—Sales of No. 2 white are reported at 40c to 41c. Regarding Manitoba mixed, the sale of a lot is reported as low as 35c.

BARLEY—Prices are nominally quoted at 50c to 58c for malting and 53c to 54c for feed.

BUCKWHEAT—Prices quoted at 50c to 52c.

RYE—Prices remain nominal at 60c to 61c.

MALT—Market quiet at 70c to 80c as to quality and quantity.

PROVISIONS.

PORK, LARD, &c.—Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$16.50 to \$17.50; Canada thin mess, per bbl., \$15.00 to \$15.50; Mess pork, American, new, per bbl., \$16 to \$16.50; Hams, per lb., 10c to 11c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 9c to 9 1/2c; Lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 6 1/2c to 7c; Bacon, per lb., 10c to 11c; Shoulders, per lb., 8 1/2c.

BUTTER—17 1/2c is the highest price that has been paid during the week by shippers; but local dealers have paid 17c likewise. Creamery, finest July, per lb., 17 1/2c to 18c; creamery, fair to good, 16 1/2c to 17c; Townships, 14c to 16c; Morrisburg, 13c to 15c; Western, 13c to 14c.

CHEESE—We quote: Finest Ontario, 8c to 8 1/2c; Eastern Townships, 7 1/2c; French, 7 1/2c to 7 3/4c; undergrades, 7c to 7 1/2c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Eggs—Most of the sales indicate a good demand, with business reported at 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c for candled stock.

TALLOW—Prices nominally quoted at 5c to 6c.

HORS—Market quiet at 5c to 8 1/2c as to quality. The crop promises well.

HONEY—Old extracted 5c to 6c per lb. New 7c to 9c per lb. in tins as to quality, Comb honey 10c to 12c.

MAPLE PRODUCTS—Sugar is quoted at 6 1/2c to 7c, and old 5c to 6c. Syrup at 4 1/2c to 5c per lb. in wood and at 50c to 60c in tins.

BEANS—Market steady at \$1.65 to \$1.75 for good mediums. Choice hand-picked pea beans \$1.85 to \$2.00. Poorer kinds \$1.25 to \$1.50.

BALED HAY—No. 2 shipping hay \$10. No. 1 straight Timothy at \$11.50. At country points, \$9.00 to \$9.50 is quoted for No. 2.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Dried, 5 1/2c to 6c per lb.; Evaporated, 6c to 6 1/2c per lb.; Evaporated fancy, 7c to 8c per lb.; Medium, \$2.25 to \$3.00 per barrel; Fine, \$3.00 to \$3.50, 25c to 35c per basket.

ORANGES—Messins, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per box; Valencia, 420s, 65.50 per case; Rudi, \$3 to \$4 per box.

LEMONS—\$4.00 to \$5.00 per box.

BANANAS—75c to \$1.75 per bunch.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—\$1.00 to \$1.20 per box; Plums, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per carrier; Pears, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

DATES—3 1/2c to 4 1/2c per lb.

COCONUTS—Fancy, firsts, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per hundred; seconds, \$3 per hundred.

RASPBERRIES—7c to 9c per box; 65c to 75c per pail.

POTATOES—New, 50c to 60c per bag; do, \$1.00 to \$1.25 per barrel.

ONIONS—Bermuda, \$2.00 per crate.

FISH AND OILS.

FRESH FISH—Market quiet; cod and haddock 3 1/2c to 4c per lb.

SALT FISH—Dry cod \$4 to \$4.50, and green cod No. 1 \$4 to \$4.50. Labrador herring \$3.75 to \$4, and shore \$3.00 to \$3.50. Salmon \$10 to \$11 for No. 1 small, in bbls, and \$12.50 to \$13.50 for No. 1 large. British Columbia salmon \$10. Sea trout \$7 to \$7.50.

CANNED FISH—Lobsters \$6.00 to \$6.25, and Mackerel \$3.85 to \$4.00 per case.

OILS—Seal oil to arrive is quoted at 33c net cash, and on spot 35c. Newfoundland cod oil at 35c to 36c; with business light. Cod liver oil 65c to 70c for ordinary and \$1.10 to \$1.20 for Norway.

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Ladies' Plain Silk Sunshades, \$2 ea
Ladies' Fancy Silk Sunshades, \$2.40 ea
Children's Sateen Sunshades, 36c ea
Children's Fancy Sunshades, 38c ea
Children's Silk Sunshades, 80c ea

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Scotch Tweed Trousers, 79c yd
Black Worsted Suitings, \$1.18 yd

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