

OUR LANGUAGE ENRICHED.

THE INFLUENCE OF CELTIC WRITERS
IN ENGLISH LITERATURE.

Rev. Dr. Conaty's Interesting Address
at the Catholic Summer School—Many
Prominent Writers Who are Recognized
as Standard Authors.

All the characteristics of the Celt went with him into the English language. His traditions, his legends, were eagerly seized by writers in English, and these formed at once a vein of literature which has beautified and strengthened the language. Mr. Morley, in his English writers, says: "The main current of English literature cannot be disconnected from the lively sources." Matthew Arnold says: "The English got much of its turn for style, its turn for melancholy, and all its natural magic from the Celtic." J. Frey, in his essay on the English language, traces its progress from Chaucer to Swift and Pope, downward to Goldsmith, Johnson and Junius, and attributes "its present perfection principally to the genius of Edmund Burke and some others of his countrymen."

Morley goes so far as to say that if it had not been for its frequent contact with the Celtic, Germanic England would not have produced a Shakespeare. The reforms that came to the end of the 18th century brought education in English within reach of the Irish Catholic. Grattan's Parliament enlarged the liberties and the nation, emerging from persecution, began a new career in literature. Its first effort was rude and jargon. It was the soul of the country stammering its passionate grief and hatred in a strange tongue, all the more earnest because of the impediment. Its first successes were by the Protestant Irish, because they alone had the educational opportunities. Trinity College sent forth many a scholar, and the hall of the Irish Parliament rung with the eloquence of a Grattan, a Plunket, a Sheridan, and a Flood, a galaxy of orators such as the world has never seen equalled. Then we find Goldsmith, naturalist, poet and historian, "who scarcely let any style of writing untouched, and touched nothing that he did not adorn." Dean Swift, Steele and Sterne in literature, Berkeley in philosophy, and Sir John Parrell and Goldsmith in poetry.

Thomas Moore, an Irish Catholic, begins a new era for the Catholics. Moore, "The sweetest lyric of our saddest wrongs," Christopher North, in Blackwood's, said of him, "Of all the song writers that ever warbled, or chanted, or sung, the best in my estimation is surely no other than Thomas Moore. How he sang the hopes, the sorrows, the aspirations of Ireland. How he pictured her wrongs under the figure of eastern oppression, in his gorgeous eastern majesty of Lalla Rookh, and gave forth the comforting thought that 'Earth has no sorrow, Heaven cannot care.' Moore united all the songs of Ireland in his melodies. John Boyle O'Reilly said: "The Irish carried the ancient wordless music in their hearts; the wandering piper and harper played the dear melodies and plaxoties to them; the ploughboy whistled, and the milkmaid sang the archaic airs, and so they were preserved like the disconnected jewels of a queen's necklace, until the master singer came eighty years ago, and gathered them up lovingly and placed them forever in his precious setting of the melodies. Ireland's indebtedness to Thomas Moore is inestimable."

Political events crowded rapidly upon the Irish during this century. The Young Ireland movement of 1848 brought into play one of the great influences in the literature, for it was a movement appealing through the intelligence. Thomas Davis, whom Charles Mackay calls "one of the Young Irishmen that conferred honor upon the literature of his country," German, Duffy, McGee, Mangan, Lady W. M. Judge O'Hagan, Samuel Ferguson, Eys and Mary Mangan and Ferguson did much to rescue many of the Celtic romances and ballads and place them in an elegant setting of English. Duffy calls Mangan's poetry "Passionate love verses; the soft spontaneous flow of a summer wind, while his war songs have the swing and the force of a battering ram." The work begun by Young Ireland, or rather by the "Nation Celtic," in the establishment of the Irish library of writers, was set aside at the failure of the movement, and to-day

is being taken up again by one of the survivors, Sir Charles Gavan Duffy himself. Then came the Fenian movement, built upon the same lines, but almost immediately smothered in banishment and exile—and from it came many who have carved for themselves a glorious name in England and America. The Land League movement had also its literary side, and especially in history and in journalism did it develop the literature of Irish national thought. Among them we find McCarthy, O'Connor and O'Brien in London. No sweeter voice was ever heard than that of Fanny Parnell, "a voice as mystical and as spiritual as the winds of Ossian," as O'Reilly says. Her Land League Songs are the very soul-cries of a race.

As the breath of the musk-rose is sweetest,
As the palm like a queen o'er the forest trees
Towers 'mid flowers,
As the rivers of Aiden, 'mid Earth's turbid waters,
As Una, the Pure one, 'mid Eve's fallen daughters,
So is Erin, my shining one,
So is Erin, my peerless one.

The exiled Irish found a home in America, and they carried their literary thought into the literature. Dr. Joyce and Rev. Bernard Carpenter, of Boston, passed from the scene at the very moment of their best work of transmitting to English literature the folk lore of Ireland, doing here what Samuel Ferguson and Aubrey de Vere are doing so grandly in Ireland. Joyce's "Deirdre" and "Banshee" Carpenter's "Liber Amoris" and "De Vere," "Legends of Innisfail," should be read by every lover of the pure and true in literature. The Fenian movement sent to America one of its brightest intellects in our loved friend, John Boyle O'Reilly, who, as journalist, placed himself in the forefront of journalists. Amid his busy cares, his poetic genius carved for our literature some of the classic statues and made for him a name among the great poets of our age. His political aspirations for Erin surrounded his whole being until they made him an apostle of liberty, and at his death he was lamented by America as the very poet of human liberty. He was a preacher of liberty; his cry was: "God mankind to be one in blood as one in spirit and thought!" He took the American thought and he set it in the frame of Celtic imagery. Celtic literature lost in him one of its truest, noblest sons; but he gave to the English a jewel which the ages will recognize.—*Catholic Mirror*.

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Wheat.—Manitoba wheat has been sold at 42c to 44c at interior points for Nov. 2 & 1 hard. Buy-in here say their agents in Manitoba have not been able to buy at the low prices that have been wired from Manitoba. We quote No. 1 hard here nominal at 65c to 71c, No. 2 at 67c to 69c.

Corn.—Prices are nominal at 45c to 50c in bond and 6c to 6c in car lots duty paid.

Pears.—No. 2 in car lots are quoted at 67c to 68c per 100 lbs. The sale is reported of a lot of No. 3 at 60c. West of Toronto car lots are quoted at 62c per 100 lbs.

Oats.—The few sales reported were for Iowa account at 30c and 37c per 100 lbs for No. 2 No. 3 has been placed at 34c. The market in the West is easy.

Barley.—No. 2 being quoted at 42c to 43c, and malting at 45c to 48c, with last sales at within that range.

Malt.—We quote prices here at 70c to 75c. Buckwheat.—An odd car or two is being picked up occasionally at from 50c to 60c. A car load was offered at 51c without finding a buyer.

Rye.—Is quoted here at 50c to 51c. Seeds.—At \$2 to \$2.25 per bushel and red clover \$5.50 to \$6 per bushel. Alsike is steady at \$7. Our quotations of clover seed in Chicago last week at \$8 to \$9 was per 100 lbs.

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Pork, Lard, &c.—We quote:
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Extra mess beef, per bbl.....00.00 00.00
Hams, city cured, per lb.....12 1/2 14c
Lard, pure in pails, per lb.....11 1/2 14c
Lard, com. in pails, per lb.....11 1/2 14c
Bacon, per lb.....11 1/2 14c
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Dressed Hogs.—The few small lots that have arrived from near by points have been sold at \$7.50 to \$7.75 per 100 lbs.

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Liverpool cable white.....54s 6d
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COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Eggs.—Sales reported of fine fresh stock at 15c, while nearly new laid has sold at 2c. The run of ordinary held stock, however, is selling at 15c to 16c. Lined stock is selling at 15c to 16c as to quantity.

Poultry.—At 9c to 9 1/2c for turkeys, two chickens at these figures respectively, and one small for bringing in. Geese are quoted at 7c, and chickens have been placed at 7c to 7 1/2c. Ducks are in good demand, and will bring 9c to 9 1/2c.

Game.—Venison sellers are rushing off and on at 10c and carcasses at 7c per lb. Some receivers have put it into cold storage, owing to the mildness of the weather. Part-riders have sold at 50c for No. 1.

Honey.—Comb-honey has met with fair enquiry during the week, with sales reported at 18c to 18 1/2c. Buckwheat and mixed honey in comb have sold all the way from 1c to 12c. Strained honey is quiet at 7c to 8c for new, and 4c to 6c for old.

Maples.—At 22c, while two lots of ordinary 1883 growth were sold at 17c and 18c respectively.

Baled Hay.—Sales to arrive have been made for next week's shipments at \$11 per ton of 2000 lbs. Sales in the country are reported at \$7.50 to \$8 as to position. Straw is quiet at \$3 to \$5.50.

Beans.—Choice hand picked beans \$1.50 to \$1.60. Ordinary to good \$1.20 to \$1.40, and inferior \$1.00 to \$1.10.

Maple Products.—Syrup at 40c to 5c in wood, and 50c to 60c in bulk. Sugar is dull at 6c to 7c per lb.

FRUITS, ETC.

Apples.—No. 1 selling at \$3.00 to \$3.50 in car lots, and No. 2 from \$2.00 to \$2.50 for winter varieties.

Grapes.—Malaga grapes set \$4.50 to \$5.25 per keg, and Catawba grapes in baskets from 25c to 28c.

Grape Fruit.—Quoted at \$3.50 to \$4.00 per crate.

Oranges.—Florida oranges are about the same last week and in good demand at \$1.00 to \$1.25 per crate for choice fruit, poor quality selling at \$1.50.

Lemons.—Are selling freely from \$2.75 to \$3.25 per crate.

Citrus.—Red and yellow are about the same price, \$2.00 to \$2.25 per barrel, while pinks are 70c to 80c per crate as to quality.

Potatoes.—The potato market is improving, car lots selling at 6c per bag and small lots at 7c.

Sweet Potatoes.—There is good demand for sweet potatoes and the prices obtained are \$3.50 to \$4 per bushel.

Onions.—There are a few bunches in the market, and are selling from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per bunch.

Cranberries.—Prices are from \$5.50 to \$6.25 as to quality.

Pears.—Are selling from \$6.00 to \$8.00 per barrel.

FISH AND OILS.

Pickled Fish.—Herring have been received here in their steam, which have sold in car lots \$4.65 to \$4.91, and we quote Labrador at \$5.00 to \$5.25. Cape Breton are quoted at \$5.25 to \$5.50, and shore herring at \$4.25 to \$4.75. Green cod is in fair demand, with sales reported at \$4.75 to \$5.00 for No. 1. Dry cod also meets with some enquiry, and prices are quoted from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per 112 lbs.

Oil.—N. W. cod oil is quoted at 31c to 35c, and a refined seed oil at 41c to 42c, but these figures do not seem to induce much business. Cod liver oil is slow sale at 55c to 60c for new and 45c to 50c for old.

Canned Fish.—Lobster \$8.00 per case for tins, and \$5.50 to \$6.00 for flats. Mackerel \$4.00 to \$4.50.

Boiled Fish.—Bonneted cod is quiet but steady at 6c to 6 1/2c per lb, and a dietary dried fish at 4c to 6c. Smoked herring 12c to 15c per box. Yarrowmouth blowers \$1.25 per box of 60 lb; new haddies 6c to 7 1/2c.

Clams.—The market is firm. Malpeques selling at \$3.00 to \$4.50, the latter price for choice hand picked.

Fresh Fish.—Haddock a 3c to 4c, British Columbia salmon at 12c to 13c, and white fish at 7c per lb.

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