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REV. DR. CAHILL

ON ENGLAND AND HER DEPENDENCIES

Up to the time of the discovery of America, in the year 1492, England stood in the rank of nations as a second or third rate power...

It is quite true, too, that with the omnipresence of her meteor flag, she has also spread, pari passu, an enlightened civilization—teaching the mechanical arts, making the advantages of commerce palpable, and proving by practice and by fact the invincible power of national union and of internal peace.

Yet her insolence, her taxation, her tyranny, her class legislation, her bigotry, drove this fine colony into madness and insurrection; and in about two centuries the patriot children of America, in a phrenzy of national hatred and of invincible courage, placed the muzzle of their muskets to the hearts of the English armies...

A century has now nearly elapsed since the American catastrophe of 1772: every school-boy can now tell the folly of the Parliament of those days, and can minutely describe the insanity of the Cabinet in not listening to the remonstrances of Washington and his confederates.

surveyed all the superexcellent creation of British power and mind, let him then turn the next page and read the insolence of military officials, the cruelty of tax gatherers to the poor...

Bullying is tried at first to induce men to do that which they think is wrong, then misrepresentation is resorted to, and finally coaxing.

Lord Ellenborough has called three times for the state papers on the late mutiny, and up to this time, notwithstanding his repeated motions, no papers have been produced: on the contrary, they have been strongly refused.

STATE OF INDIA

The Earl of Ellenborough alluded to the proclamation of the Governor General of India, of the 16th of May, declaring in strong terms the determination of the Government to adhere to its former practice in not interfering with the religion of the natives, and inquired why it was not laid upon the table with the Indian papers presented to the house.

The conduct of England is everywhere the same towards those who differ from her rule or creed: her character is in all places the same; her civilisation and tyranny—toleration on parchment, and bigotry in practice; and like the two opposite poles of the galvanic current, she exhibits the same intensity of hatred to the Catholics as partiality to her own "persuasion"—the same persecution of our creed, as protection of her own.

At this moment the tide of public opinion throughout Europe is at its height against the tyranny and intolerance of England. The press of Italy, Spain, and Austria were all united in one expression of the treachery of England in politics and her intolerance in religion.

the punishment of thousands of her rebels, where Naples has opened her gaols and pardoned her conspirators, where France has recalled her revolutionists, England, alone, with all her boasting, refuses to pardon some half dozen of her exiles; and thus places her character before mankind as the maligner of foreign courts, the exciter to foreign insurrection, the encourager, the applauder, the correspondent, the lodger of foreign cut-throats, while she deceitfully refuses pardon in the face of Europe to a few revolutionists.

August 13, 1857.

D. W. C.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE

INAUGURATION OF THE O'CONNELL STATUE IN THE CITY OF LIMERICK

One of the proudest and most spirit-stirring, and beautiful scenes that have been witnessed in Ireland for many years passed off in this city of memorable associations on the 15th August.

The concourse of people was immense. From an early hour trains on the different railways poured in their contributions to the throng, some of these from a very great distance—from Cork, and Kerry, and Tipperary, and Waterford.

The greatest credit is due to the committee for the admirable arrangements upon which the proceedings of the day were conducted. The procession of the trades and corporation was fixed to commence at one o'clock, and notwithstanding the difficulty there must have been in organising such masses, the hour for starting was not postponed for many minutes.

Several religious and temperance societies joined in the procession, a remarkable feature of which was the very large number, nearly a hundred, of hand-some flags that were carried at intervals along the line.

Then followed a large vehicle conveying the militia band, and next came—The Trades, Young Men's Society, the Corporation, the Committee of the O'Connell Testimonial, the High Sheriffs of the City and County, and Members of Parliament; John Hogan, the sculptor; the Earl of Dunraven, the inaugurator; the clergymen, and the city freemen.

We have now arrived at a point, the historical associations of which are the most interesting of all that Limerick can boast of. We have reached John's Gate—the site of the celebrated breach in the town wall, which the women of Limerick helped to defend successfully against the troops of William III.

the women of Limerick helped to defend successfully against the troops of William III, and which all his veteran regiments failed effectually to storm. Here also are the still blackened fragments of the Black Battery, on which five hundred men of William's regiment of Brandenburgers were blown into atoms by an explosion of gun-powder in the very midst of the terrible storming scene that was going on in the neighbouring breach.

The procession now filed in front of the new Catholic Cathedral of St. John's one of the noblest of the edifices which the revived spirit of Ireland is raising in our times to the worship of the Living God. This majestic pile, which is already far advanced, could not be described in the few words that could be devoted to it here.

When the Mayor had taken his seat, Caleb Powell, Esq., Clonsahavoy, rose amid loud cheers, and on the part of the committee, called on the Earl of Dunraven to inaugurate the statue.

The statue, which up to this period was veiled with a dark green covering, was unveiled, and disclosed the statue of the great tribune in a most commanding attitude, grasping in his left hand the roll of the Emancipation Act, and his right hand raised in front of his breast in the attitude of demonstration.

Several religious and temperance societies joined in the procession, a remarkable feature of which was the very large number, nearly a hundred, of handsome flags that were carried at intervals along the line. Then followed a large vehicle conveying the militia band, and next came—The Trades, Young Men's Society, the Corporation, the Committee of the O'Connell Testimonial, the High Sheriffs of the City and County, and Members of Parliament.

Great pains were brought to bear upon the grand object of his life; and, in passing, I may mention that in 1822, when he brought to the great body of the Catholic Clergy to take part in his agitation—in 1823, when he founded the Catholic Association; and in 1824, when he organised the Catholic rent, he had created a mighty power, and with these three great elements of power combined and working under his guidance, it is not a matter of surprise that the time was soon to come when the issue could no longer be doubted.

The career of agitation which he pursued, the wonderful power he possessed over the minds of the people, were in themselves a phenomenon which must deserve the deepest consideration. It is not in my power to pourtray his character with justice; I am inadequate to the task of describing that wonderful combination of qualities which he possessed, and undaunted courage he ever displayed, the unflinching energy and perseverance with which he pursued his object, his great natural eloquence, and the style he possessed in debate; and when to these were added the nobleness of his person, the beautiful and musical tones of his voice, the sweet cheering smile which so attracted the people, and still more his accurate knowledge of the character of his countrymen, and his talent for wielding with effect the great power at his command—these qualities, I am justified in saying, combined to make him a man without a superior during his time.

When the Mayor had taken his seat, Caleb Powell, Esq., Clonsahavoy, rose amid loud cheers, and on the part of the committee, called on the Earl of Dunraven to inaugurate the statue. Lord Dunraven rose amid loud cheers. The noble earl said—Mr. Mayor, I beg to hand over to your custody, as Mayor of this city, and to the custody of your successors, the statue which I now request may be unveiled.

When the statue was unveiled there burst from the countless masses enthusiastic cheers. The ladies waved their handkerchiefs from the windows and the balconies. The several bands played "Should old acquaintance be forgot." The scene altogether was impressive and moving in the highest degree.

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