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The Irish Bird-Charmer.

 Whan first to my poor roof he ea
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1 oalled him overy dacint name That I could lay my tongue to. Bot, pleased the simple cratuture
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Ate up our lite avin,
The birds whose visits most we need
Arer oula kishas ravens, those days
An' $I$ could make them hear me,
Td sing them such a song o. praise
Trwould keep them always near me.
-T. A. DALT.





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| habit of whiskey drinking, it may be said that they are no worse than the | THE CATHOLIC CONGRESS. <br> At the great Catholic Congress in | spirit of irreligiousness and anarchy the honer of our national character and at the same timeour national greatness." |
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| deed. reeent statisties would show intheir favor. Morever the Protestant |  |  |
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| districts of Ireland are as much given to drunkenness as Roman Catholic ones, and my extensive experience amonast |  |  |
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| and my extensive experience amongst the poorest peasantry is in favor of a |  |  |
| degree of sobriety being predicated of the people as held up to scorn in |  |  |
| your report. I readily admit that intoxicating liquors are the bane of not only Ireland bat of Scotland and England too |  |  |
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| fact. What a spectacle we behold at present when the Imperial Parliament |  |  |
| is in the throes of the licensing bill of the avaricious and relentless aristocra- |  |  |
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| tic liquor sell-rs, and the many (holy) bishops of the Anglican body uniting to perpetuate that nefarious |  |  |
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| invested in the unholy centres, distilleries and breweries, from which the |  |  |
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| so-called "distilled damnation" flows to people who should be protected and that people drink on Sendays, but in |  |  |
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| this Protestants and Catholics are alike as are also Scotch and English. More over, 1 wish to add most emphatical y |  |  |
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| over, I wish to add most emphatical' y that such Sundty drinking is not so |  |  |
| prevalent among the poorer peasantry Let Canada show the dea- motherland the way to abolish the liquor |  |  |
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| bar, and thus give a striking example of laying the axe to the root of the tree |  |  |
| that produces seven-eighths of moral, social and criminal evils of the day. I wish to give a flat denial as to the |  |  |
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| frequency of what Mr. Lowe calls faction fights. Whatevgs may have |  |  |
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| The story of the dear Emerald Isle is a very sad and pathetic one, and many phases of it should be left with past |  |  |
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| generations, but it is too bad that the aggressive ignorance of some of her own sons from time to time demands a weari- |  |  |
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| some recital. If Mr. Lowe is so ready |  |  |
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| heart escaped his lips because many sons and daughters of one of the bravest |  |  |
| with their kindred dust without having come to their own because of unwarrant- |  |  |
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| Mr. Editor,-The fact that you have so many readers in Western Ontario who are of Irish descent, and so many whoare not of Irish extraction, is the only thing I need mention to support an apology for having trespassed so much upon you valuable space. Let truth live, and letthe unspeakable caricaturing of Erin's |  |  |
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