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## Philo－Celts．

The Brooklyn Philo－Celtic Society had their 6th annual reunion and ball at Uris＇Novelty Hall on April 23rd．It was a complete success，and marks another step in the stride towards the rehabilita－ tion of mother tongue．The eloquent and patriot－ ic president of the Society，Mr．Gilgannon，open－ ed the exercises of the evening，speaking in Irish and in English，as follows．－





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万иr bù ćojr ofodėa lám a ciraċaó le





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 ajo amalajfte or cómajn an סо́maŋ 50
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Zá mé bujodeać ólo faoj＇$\eta$ érreeacit
 ос́ajo rjolajnio an Cumann 5aedt丂e


Mr．Gilganoon explained the drift of the above for the benfit of those who did not understand Irish，as follows．－
Ladies and Gentlemen－
In the name of the Philo Celtic Society I bid you a cendh mille failthe here to．night－the old salutation of Erin－the salutation which was cus－ tomary for friends and neighbors to give each other（applause）．
We have reason to rejoice and $t$ ，congratulato each other at seeing so large and respectable an au dience here to．night．It shows that Irishmen are taking a livelier interest in the language of their couvtry．It encourages the patriotic Irishmen who are spending their time without pay or compensa tion teaching the Irish Language in order to rescue it from oblivion．We have another reason to re
joice that our country and our people are in a more prosperous condition than they were years ago. But we have a greater cause than all these to re joice and congratulate each other that the old enem $y$ of our language, our creed and our country, is humiliated before the world by Russia, (tremen dons applause, and long life to you). The wheel of fortune is turning for Ireland, and the wheel of misfortune for England, (cheers). There is an old saying that it is a dangerous predicament to be placed between two fires; but it is not alone bet ween two fires England is to.day-there are fires a round her on all sides, fires above and beneath her, the fire of the just indignation of God above her : fires of war all around her and the fire of -be neath her, (cheers and laughter). She is now half humbled, on one knee, but she should humble her self on both knees and ask pardon of God for her injustice to the Island of Saints and make restitu tion for the past by giving up Ireland to the Irish, leave them make their own laws, speak their own language, as they did in their pristine glory, if she wishes to escape this last fire, (applause).

If there is any other nation that shonld rejoice and shake hands with Ireland at England's hume liation it is America (applause). It was the same old enemy that made it a penal crime to teach or speak the Irish, the language of warriors, saint and sages, the language in which the saints of old communed with their God, the language which many of you heard whispered into your infant ears by fond and loving mothers long departs, the lan gage the Philo Celtic Society is reviving in this country-the language I speak to you and feel proud to tell you that the old enemy of that lan gage is humbled before the world to-day, (cheers and more of that to her). It was the same old en emy of civil and religious liberty that thought to strangle, in its infancy, this young republic desti ned by Almighty God to be an asylum and refuge for the oppressed of the tyranical monarchs and despots of all nations (applause). But, thank God the Americans, with the assistance and support of Irishmen, banished once and for ever the acc ursed red coats from our shores, and I hope we may see the day they will be banished from the Emerald Isle, as Brian Boru banished the Danes, or St. Patrick the snakes, into the sea, and that Irishmen can speak their own language, make their own laws, as they did of old ere the virgin soil of Erin was polluted by the accursed tread of the Saxon, (cheers, which continued several minutes).
I am thankful for the kind attention with which you listened to me, We shall now commence the evening's entertainment by the Philo Celtic chorus singing O'Donnell Ado.

About eighty of the members of the Society then ascended the platform and, with orchestral accompaniment, chorused

O' DONNELLABOO:

##  једன்,



 luacimáa a léjmŋeaŕ,


Stor of jack rljad 50 bee,



banned '丂й 5alōtać,


 afn a cilaonad.
 b-reastm;
 eat,
 гпиট் baŋŋa $\Delta \eta \eta$,
'S zomba an crojbe bejóear ran,

 of 5 an cruaj;


 natl $2 \mathfrak{z u ́}$.
 еад 50 ғrаос́raci,


ea in roonnać air rrájojo a fayre jo саос́рие்.
Wi' l oujne le bajajne ain bee ain at



 ur lust;
bejó naca crā̃öreać raul,

 O்omiŋajll $\mathfrak{U l b u ́ . ~}$

Sé＇ŋ fíor－ċeapt qá Clayn Ċoŋajll cor－

 o＇ar 5－crojoje ；
 fullceać；
Le larajn a o－zejnce za rojlreaci meaton ojócie；
Suar le jać laoć mapr rı，

 faoj øрис́：
$22_{1 \mu j \text { јеaŋク à Sacran feall，}}$

 Translation．
Proudly the note of the trumpet is sounding，
Loudly the war－cries arise on the gale，
Fleetly the steed by Lough Swilly is bounding
To join the thick squadron in Sham． air＇s green vale；
On every mountaineer；
Strangers to flight and fear ；
Rush to the standard of dauntless Red Hugh！
Bonnought and Galloglass，
Throng from each mountain－pass ！
On for old Erin－0＇Donnell aboo！
Princely $\mathrm{O}^{\prime}$ Neill to our aid is advancing
With many a chieftain and warrior clan；
A thousand proud steeds in his van． guard are prancing
＇Neath the borderers brave from the banks of the Bann ：
Many a heart shall quail
Under his coat of mail；
Deeply the merciless foeman shall rue，
When on his ear shall ring，
Borne un the breez＇s wing，
Tir－Conaill＇s dread war－cry－0＇Don－ nell aboo！

Wildly o＇er Desmond the war－wolf is
howling．
Fearlass the eagle sweeps over the plain，
The fox in the streets of the city is prowling－
All，all who would seare them are banished or slain！
Grasp，every stalwarth hand，
Hackbut and battle brand－．
Pay them all back the deep debt so long due．
Norris and Clifford well
Clan of Tir－Connell tell－－－
Onward to glory－－0＇Donnell aboo！
Sacred the cause that Clan－Conaill＇s detending－－－－
The altars we kneel at and homes of our sires ；
Ruthless the ruin the foe is extending－－
Midnight is red with the plunder－ er＇s fires！
On with O Donnell then，
Fight the old fight again，
Sons of Tir－Conaill all valiant and true！
Make the false Saxon feel
Erin＇s avenging steel！
Strike for your country，O＇Donnell aboo！
Mrs．Deely followed and entranced the audience by her inimitable rendering of the far－famed

Cújljわ：
 a ćojocie，
 le mo спојбе ；
 cilaot，
21r oo пórrs maŋ reute－eolajr a ŋјеиィ－ бнијо 1 万－сјАŋ．


 céjサ 00 lopち，
 mé ay rjoy
Ćo seur lejr aŋ ŋämajo，$\tau$ á o＇aŋ ŋ－ojo． jue ar ojoŋ．


00 čjทリ，
Jr éjrcíeao le ceolzajo oo cilájuris acá bృワワ。
San eajla jo rørójcfió an Saraŋaċ飞еลทリ，
2lof zeuo ar oo ċpule，ŋo aon olaojs ar oo cieaŋn．

## Translation．

Tho＇the last glimpse of Erin with sorrow I see， Yet wherever thou art shall seem Erin to me， In exile thy bosom shall still be my home， Ann thine eyes make my climate wherever we roam
To the gloom of some desert or cold rocky shore， Where the eye of the stranger cas haunt us no more I＇ll fly with my Coulin and think the rough wind， Less rude than the foes we leave frowning behind．
I＇ll gaze on thy gold hair，as graceful it wreathes＇ And hang o＇er thy soft arm，as wildly it breathes－ Nor dread that the cold－hearted Saxon will tear，
Ono chord from that harp，or one look from that hair．
（This air is considered the finest melody in song．）
Next came Mr．John Byrne，who recited＂Fonte－ noy with all the grace，vehemence and effect which a sympathetic mind could impart．
Professor MoEvoy then discoursed choice Irish National airs on the bagpipes，（a bran new set said to have cost $\$ 900$ ）He，as the saying is，nearly raised the roof off the building with his enchant－ ing strains，and，at times，when the jig or reel was tipt，made the old folks jump in their seats：

Thie next was a trio，in Irish，

## Oh，Breathe Not His Name！

excellenty rendered by the Misses M．O．Cline and Nelly F．McDonald，and Master Joseph O＇ Neill，of the New lork P．O．S．Oar New York friends deserve the highest praise for their excel． lent training of these children．However，this is not to be wondered at when we call to mind that the Hon．Denis Burns is a guiding spirit in that Society．
The next on the programme was＂Erin＇s Flag，＂ which Mr．O＇Shea delivered with his usual brill－ iancy．The next was a solo，＂I Dream＇t I Dwelt in Marble Halls，＂in the execution of which Miss Walsh exhibited splendid vocal training．
＂The Minstrel Boy was next rendered by Mr． Robert Emmet Brown，a young gentleman highly cultivated in the musical art．
Mr．Bernard Martin，entering fully into the spi－ rit of his theme，spoke，amidst rounds of applause

## ＂The Language of Our Race．－

Though many ills have cursed the land since free－ dom＇s sun has set，
（yet．
The spirit of a brighter age still lingers with her some relics of the past remain，and Trishmen can trace
A monument of freedom in the language of our race

Through centuries of blood and strife that monu－ ment has stood，
（flood－ And rears to－day its head obove the rolling ages The language of our mother land in glorious days gone by－
（die？
Would we disgrace the Irish name and basely let it
Oh．no twe Il strive－we＇ll struggle hard to rai ee it np anew，
（the true．
The language of the Saint and Saga，the noble and Between the future and the past a grand connect－ ing ohain－
（again．
It witnessed us a Nation once－＇twill find us so
0 ，yes $\cdot$ we＇ll speak the dear old tongue of fluency and grace－
（of our race－ The Gaelic tongue，old Erin＇s tongue，the language We＇ll ask our brothers all to join（for we nust not forget，
（spirit＇s in them yet．
Where＇er they be they＇re＂Ireland＇s still，＂）－the
It is nit dead！It is not dead ！It burns within them still！
That fiery Celtic spirit that no tyranny could kill． They＇ll join ！they＇ll join ！they＇ll raise it up．A－ nother glorious day（it from decay． Awaits the ancient mother tongue．They＇ll save
$\mathrm{Ob}, \mathrm{I}$ think I hear it ringing，－as in the past it rang，－
（Celtic tongue．
Throughont the isle，the music of the grand old ＇Tis our nation marching onward to take our rightful place，
（race．
All Irishmen shall speak again the language of our
The nest c．u the programme was a baritone solo．
＂Our Jack＇s Come Home To－day，＂excellently rendered by Mr．Ed．J．Carr．The concert part of the programme was brought to a elose with se－ lections on the bagpipes by Professor MoEvoy，af ter which dancing commenced and continued till a late hour，when all went home，fully satistied that this had been the most successful reunion the Society has had yet．

Some time ago Mr．Ed．Brady of Wash－ ington Ind．recommended the is suing of a＂stirring＂address to arouse the latent spirit of Irishmen in support of the Irish Language Movement．If the foregoing proceedings by patriotic Irishmen and women，the stirring ad－ dress by President Gilgannon，and the pathetic lines of＂The Language of our Race＂are not sufficiently exciting to arouse the spirit of nationality in I－ rishmen，we are forced to the conclusion that they are not meatally competent to realize and appreciate either nation al or individual independence，and，as Jael Slar hints in another page of this issue，that their＂destiny is，to serve others．＂This is a humiliating position for a people whose ancestry illumined the darkened recesses of Continental Europe，and who，at the present time．claim ordinary intelli－ gence．The Irishman who makes no
effort to preserve his language and is satisfied with the speech of his "master', is, indeed, a born slave, though he should roll in a golden chaise. His mental calibre seems to fit him for no higher social condition but that of the slave. If he be asked to give Sixty Cents a year to help to propagate the language of freedom he will say, "I cannot read it. What's the use,' not considering that his sixty cents might be the causs of distributing twice as many Gaelic publications, and thereby advertise and keep the movement before the public. We again appeal to
the old workers of the Language inove. ment for renewed energy Impress on your lukewarm countrymen that a small boss.ship is more respectable than big servancy. Try to further cir. culate the Gael, and let every reader of this issue, whether a new or old subscriber, try and get another reader for it. That would double its volume.
Sixty cents a year is a small consideration to the individual but, rendered by the many, it would enable the Gael to penetrate all sections of the coun'ry and thus bring the movement prominentlybefore the general public.

Feuorijujo.














Wać baorraco jeallato ' $\eta$ Sacron reall oo joc apúr jaŋ єpuajj.












,S 'ทar rclábujojo 乙á 'jur bejó' jo lá a cojecjoŋna afjr.


Ol cleaćr an ceanj nojm-mjljr, rean 00 cian an クaom 'r an Flan!

$\mathfrak{y y} \mathfrak{1 c}$ शij.

$2 \mathfrak{y o}$ beanŋaciz ort，el 2yahol！
$\mathfrak{Z \jmath}$ о beaŋŋaciz opr arj́r！

$\mathfrak{Z}_{15}$ сип 00 ŋд́mao ríor！
21．$\dot{\gamma} \Delta 01$ ！ $\mathfrak{r l} \dot{\boldsymbol{r}} \Delta \mathrm{O} 1$ ！

चreun－Égeaŋŋaci an oomajn；
50 m－béjo 00 cín
ちaŋ ṁojll қо raon
©́ lomarjáرŋ ay Leómajŋ．
 So fójrad capao fóop．．．．．


Le Sacrajaci jo rjón．
Cá ajao ceant


Ná jlac àn oúajr
$\mathfrak{Z l}_{1 \text { r }}$ ron oo čúur＇，
2lč raojrre buay amáaŋ．
D＇éjre rinŋ le Seájaŋ，el $2 y$ yhop， Зо mınc o＇érre rinn lejr ；

2lćz o’ojbrıj ré ár rзrıor．
$0 \mu 1 \eta 5 \Delta \dot{c}$ jeall
Oo mクn＇ré reall，
Oo orir ré $1 \Delta 0$ jaci eráa；
＇Sur cà áp o－pıay，
Le reać 5 －ceuo bljatalm，
Nór 丂éme rár jać là．

đà crojóe ŋa ŋ－е́greann leat；

Oo raojrre，faoj 00 brat．
Cá reap a＇r beaŋ，
Ca 65 a＇r reat
$\delta$ Źonc（1）зо bearŋar $2 \eta \sigma \mu,(2$ $\mathfrak{2 l}_{15}$ 丂иј๖่ cium Oé，
Зо 5 －сијиғјо́ Sé

buajl leat！buajl leat，el 2yahop！


ノ ₹－七ín oo oúċċalr beo．
buajl leat！buajl leac！
＇亏ur conjoajs brat

EL MAHDI．
Translated
By Miohabl Cavanagh．
My blessing take，El Mahdi！
My blessing take again！
May Allah Great enable you
To trash your foes amain！
Oh Sage！for you，
The Irish true．
O＇er earth－－－pray Freedom＇s God
That Robber Guelphs
Blood－sucking whelps
Be hunted from your sod！
A warning take，El Mahdi！
This friendly caution heed，
A peaceful compact never make with one of Saxon breed：

With you is＂Right＂ Confronting Might，
John Bull＇s a traitor loon；
No present take
For Justice＇sake－－－
Save Freedom＇s lasting boon．
We trusted John，EI Mahdi！
His words we oft believed；
But，in each treaty with him made，
We ever were deceived：
For pledge and oath．
Were broken both，－－－
Through seven hundred years．
His blighting curse
Grew daily worse，
Save when we grasped our spears，
But in your cause，El Mahdi！
Old Ireland＇s heart beats high；
＇Tis with your sons who bravely fight
Where Freedom＇s hanners fly．
And young and old．．．
The fair and bold－．－
From Turk to＂Bearna－Mor：＂
A leader true
To send－－（like you，）
The Lord of Hosts implore ！
Strike on！strike on！Fl Mahdi！
And never hold your hand，
While but one living Saxon foe
Pollutes your ancient land
Strike！Prophet brave！
Your banner wave，
 Зо $\mathfrak{m}$－béjó 54 c beul $21_{15}$ 丂1a0jó aŋ r弓éfl；－…
＂てá ésıpr raor a cojơ’e！＂
Páorajc
（1）a mountain overhanging one of the lakes of Killarney，es，Kerry．
（2）a celebrated mountain pass in co，Donegal．

CMÚM1R N2OOU pROjNSj2S．

 eañul，
 $\dot{m} \mathfrak{u} 1$ l，


 rjaopraar，
 бíne，
đ́ap Sjerra Nebádar，ya rléjbgjo ir Aоjroe，
5о m－buajl飞eap calla－pojnt a ๆ－ajce mo خ́jō－re．


 ba cójr שajcineamin＇r चéam̉ le séjle＇r


Scajp＇r rjaopl é azur oejŋ é rıar， モ́rjó Clayŋa 5aodal，rojr a’r raar，



 ＇S léj亏read ó 亢́
 $\dot{\mathrm{m}} \mathrm{A} \boldsymbol{\mu}$ ．

Fajlze FAOA，FAjMrinj，Flal，
Rojĭ aŋ Jaóal 弓ać mí raŋ m－blajajŋ－ थりaŋ ir majci ljom cajnc le mejón＇r à． $\dot{\text { ciar }}$


Until，o＇er wind and sea， The thrilling shout Rings proudly out－－
＂Old Egypt＇s free for aye！＂

## ＂Patrick，＂


 Oo labajr jo vear＇ran oreaŋjajn 亏்ao． © $\mathrm{A}_{1} 1$ ，

 Srát caoj buaymar ya ruajzfjo aoŋ
 lyom，
 mé．






 ċáll，



2lar ré ćus rampla ayro óúnŋ $j 0$ léjr




We are indebted to Mr．P．McGrath，of San Francisco，Cal．for his excellent effort，and we sincerely thank him for his good intentions and compliments to the GABL．His words are doubly encouraging coming from a man of his intelligence and love of Gaelic literature，and from an entirely different part of the Old Land，showing how non sectional the Garl is．He hails from Slieve Gau， Co．Waterford，a locality noted for its hospitality and love of ancient lore，where the poor scholar who came to study his classics was always wel come and well treated．The McGraths are the most numerons，the oldest and the most respect able family in that parish．

Our friend writes like one who has the genuine ring and spirit of the poet．We hope he will soon again favor us with another composition－

The Gael thanks The Catholic Knight． Cleveland．Ohio，for his kiud reference．We hope he will prosper．

## ORO N2 CRUISE. <br> (The Order of the Cross.)

 April 8, 1885.
## To The Editor of The GaEl :

Dear Sir ;-In your issue of February I enunciated the principles of the society of the Order of the Cross, and my present letter is a supplement thereto with the view to the further elucidation of my subject, as some of my reasons may not be readily apprehended by all readers. I have advised my compatriots of Irish birth or origin to look for the freedom of their mother country from God alone, and to therefore put their trus in the Agnus Dei and Cross as the insignia of the new Order ; for I am intuitively convinced that the fighting of the Irish deople is not against flesh and blood merely, and the visible power of Great Britain but against the invisible demons of the air and against the scarlet dragon of the Apocalypse. I have advised prayers to be offered for the conversion of England that she may be brought into favor, and therefore under the scourge of national humiliation; for I am persuaded as long as she is hated of God she can never be overthrown; and this view is agreeable to the prophecy of st Mala chy, who foretold that after Irelond had remained during seven centuries under the cruel tyranny of England, her faithful people would obtain mercy for their heartless persecuting oppressors.; who in their turn should be snbmitted to the most severe chastisements. I have advised the wisdom of placing a scarlet cross upon the national vexillum or standard of Ireland to indicate a live and faithful nation, and to remind my countrymen that the emblem of salvation was, by the dirction of Heaven emblazoned upon the victorious $L a$ arum of the Emperor Constantine. I have also counselled the advisability of impregnating the green national color of Ireland with a strong tinge of olive in ord$e r$ to denote permanent prosperity. The green is codsidered a very unlucky color by the peasantry of Ireland, and to them the harp, in our day so intimately connected with begging minstrelsy, is a positive symbol of loss. It is said that Henry the Eighth of England, who wishing to invest his Irish enemies with some feeble, trashy talisman, was the first who quartered the harp upon the national escutcheon of Ireland; and green is consid. ered, in some works on heraldry, as emblemátic of a prolific but weak people, whose destiny it is to serve others. What might be styled a national flag did not belong to Ireland in the days of her independence, but every chief ranged his followe -s under the peculiar banner of his clan, but as to devices they appeured to have been arbitrarily chosen without regard to national idiosyncrasy. The standards of the ancient Fenians were of srol or fine linen, and these, according to the learned $O w$. en Connellan quoting the Lay of the sixteen chiefs,
or the Cattle Prey of Tara, were of various colors blue, green. red and white, and bore representations of trees, animals, military weapons, and musical instruments, such as the yew-tree, the moun. tain ash, the wolf-dog, the dear, etc. They also bore significant names, and that of the Generalis. simo Finn was called
Sall 亏réjıe,

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\operatorname{san}\left(\frac{5}{8}\right.
$$ which has been rendered "Sunburat," and on it were represented the sun and its rays. I do not find that the harp was emblazoned on any of these standards, nor was green then the national color since in the Ode addressed to Oscar, at the commencement of the Battle of Gabhra the standard of the monarch Cairbre is called

merry ir סearj óá்a,
a Śar்?
i. e, scarlet colored, and from the term 'suaitheantas," literally variegation, applied to the banners of an army, it becomes evident that the Irish had no fixed national color in ancient times, a fact furthermore corrobora ed by the historical tract called the Battle of Magh Leana, fought in the second century, where mention is made of the many col ored banners of Conn of the Hundred Battles. A. mong the seventy standards borne by the army of Brian Boru at the Battle of Clontarf, according to
the Содао 5 all ne 5 aéjl....
the colors green, red. blue, yellow etc. are mentioned as well as certain gold-spangled banner than had been successful in many engagements. It appears that the standard of the Ccaobh Ruadh was a yellow lion upon green satin, and in the notes to the Battle of Magh Rath the banners of O'Doherty, O'Sullivan and O'Loghlin of Clare are described as to their different devices, the first of which however "as of "white satin."

According to Sir James Ware, the originel arms used by the Milesians since their arrival in Treland till the days of Ollamh Fodhla were a dead serpent and the rod of Moses after the example of their Gadelian ancestors, but the arms proper to Ireland, or at least for some ages attributable to it, he says, is a gold harp strung with silver chords on a field azure encircled with green ; and it would appear that after the days of Ollamh Fodhla, the arms of Ireland according to Ulysses Aldrovandus, were in one part of the escutcheon Or -an arm armed with a sword, in the other part Argent, a semi-eagle. There is no authority that I am aware of to show that green was ever used in Ireland as the national color, before the Euglish invasion, or that the harp was used as a patriotic device or armorial emblazonment, by the Irish before the fourteenth century.

From what I have above written, it becomes evident that the cross has never yet appeared as a sole conspicuous device upon the national colors of Ireland; but what is styled the cross of St. Patrick has been quartered by the enemy with those of St. George and St. Andrew upon the Union Flag
of England. It is high time that this blessed sign so dear to the heart of the patron saint of the Green Isle should be restored to the country to which it properly belongs, and should receive due prominence and veneration as the holy palladium of the most faithful nation in Christendom.

It appears from the columns of the last $\mathrm{G}_{\mathrm{AEL}}$ as had been previously predicted-that the Order of the Cross has found an opponent. I am sorry to find a genteman coming out over his proper signature to sound the tocsin of alarm for Protestantism as if he desired to ingratiate himself and manufacture personal capital out of his needless advocacy. I have recommended prayers to be offered for the conversion of the British nation, but the same thing had been previously done by the highest dignatories of the English Catholic Charch; and what we call heresy did not seem conscious of being the object of a direct physical assault. I have suggested the advisability of offering prayers for the propagation and triumph of the Catholic faitb; but the same thing has been done by the Popes and has received due rocogni tion from the faithful throughout the world, and Protestantism has not on that account been seized with any remarkable degree of trepidation. The Catholic Church allows and causes prayers to be offered for many temporal blessings, such as health, propitious weather, a safe journey, peace and deliverance from captivity, but there is no temporal blessing that can in magnitude compare with the redemption of a long-oppressed, plunder. ed, persecuted and tortured nation : When Ireland was writhing in the agony of despair, under the cruel tyranny of the Danish usurper, Targesius, the zealous clergy of the people betook themselves to the caves, woods and mountain fastnesses and fasted and prayed, as did also the faithful laity, for the deliverance of their country from the insupportable yoke of foreign bondage ; and consequently the Divine Ruler of the universe, who regards the tears, groans and afflictions of his people as He did those of the Israelites in Egypt, employed an innocent native virgin, and twelve beardless youths to be the means of hurling the implacable alien despot from the pinnacle of his usurped dignity, and of restoring to pious and rejoicing Erin the unspeakable boon of her lost autonomy (see O'Mahony's Keating on the reign of Maolseachlainn) I am of opinion that prayers have lost none of their efficacy since that period, and that the priests of Ireland are as holy and as pious to-day as they were in the days of King Malachy, and that they will oppose no obstacle to the employment of prayers and good works for bursting the shackles that impoverish and degrade their country. Now, if the supposed redoubtable edi fice of Protestantism be, after all, of so frail, and flimsey a structure as not to be able to withstand the atlack of the battering-ram of prayer, and the sound of the trumpets of faith, its fall, like that
of the walls of ancient Jericho, would be certainly from God, and therefore a consummation to bo devoutly wished for by every true Christian. St. Paul tells us that in his time some were callod Jews who were not Israelites ; and it may be said with equal propriety to-day that many are called Irishmen who are not Gaels, or who do not belong to the patriotic

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and certainly a native of the Emerald Isle who voluntarily engages to serve the enemy, and who strenously opposes the offering of prayers for the redemption of his oppressed mother land must inherit from some quarter false blood in his veins: and may. perhaps, be able to trace the lineal pedigree of his sept to that Judas Iscariot of Irish treachery, Dermod MacMurrough, who sold and betrayed unfortunate Ireland into the power aud possession of the Btitish nation. Nemo me impune lacessit.-But, after all, it may possibly be that my censor has set himself up as a nine-pin to be easily knocked down in the interest of the Order of the Cross : for his ground is so untenable and his arguments so vapid that there is no need of endeavoring to squelch him with an avalanche of ratiocination.

My ambition is compared with that of "Peter the Hermit;" I do nut know but that I may be unconsciously indued with a spark of the ardent spirit of that eminent reeluse. I glory in the man who by the eloquence of his convincing declamation could arouse the latent enthusiasm of apathetic Christendem to thwart the aggressive insolence of Moslem fanaticism : and I am firmly convinced that were it not for the fiery, noble, soul that God had infused into his energetic frame Mahometanism would not only be to day a ruling religion in Asia, but would have centuries ago, moulded and shaped the destinies of Europe, and swayed the imperial sceptre of the world. But my adversary surmises that no laxge accession of members will assume the insignia of the new society I do not anticipate that he may in this respect prove a true prophet; but perhaps a secret or sworn conspiracy like those that have ruined Irtland in the past and which may not be spy-proof like the institution which I have presumed to inaugurate may be more acceptable to unsophisticated minds not sharpened by experience, and which may not be able to realize the fact that a holy island can not be delivered by unholy means : and that so-called "sensible" revolution, in as far as Ireland has been concerned, is but a palpable synonym for charlatanism; but if there should not, within the present year, be fuund among the Irish race more faithful persons to adopt the sacred symbols of the new order than the few required of old to save Sodom, the society, will in due time, fulfill the sion for which it has been established, and Ire-land-ruat Britannia-within the life-time of men
who are now centenarians, shall shine forth a bril li sut star in the galaxy of independent $n$ at ons.

Fearing that I have tested the patience of the (rael to its utmost limits, and wishing to reserva a battery for some more formidable antagonist than this las: alarmist.

Believe me in the interest of the race and laug. uage of that royal Scythian progenitor, the illus. trious Phineas.

Yours most pariotically, Gex Gitas.

## PROF. REERIG ON THE IBISH <br> (Cantinued from page 476.).

Derivations of it seem to be amatis, amasas meaning time as something that passes away, It reappears, however, iu the Irish am , the We'sh am ser (time generally), and connects likewise with the Latin annus (year) for amnus. Let us mention only a few more of the great maltitude of Cel tic, particulary Irish, words which we may easily compare wihh equivalents in Sankkrit and other Aryan languages. Thus, for instance, Irish ire (field, land), Sa iskrit ira (earth), Old High German ero (and erda). Again. the Irish fosra (bed) Sinskrit vasra (dwelling-house," abode, shelter). The Celtic entyreh, which occurs in Welsh, is the Sanskrst antariksha (air). This word means lit $\cdot \mathbf{r}$ ally what is transparent, and consists of an'ar, which means between, inside, and corrosponds with the Greek entos, Latin intus, iuter, intra, French entre, Gothic inna, unlar, German unter (in the sense of between, among), English und $r$; The other part $i k s h$, means to see. Thus antur.,' $i k s h w$, where one can see through, transparent air. Tue Irish anal (breath), also anim, Cornish enef, is the Sunskrit anas (breath), anilas (wivd], the root being an (to breath). It connects, further, with the Greek antmos (wind), Latin auimus anim t, animal, etc., the Gothic uz-anan (to breathe out, to die), the Icelandic anda, Danish aande (spirit, ghost). The Irish geanmhuin (birtb) is the Sanskrit janman (muhuin corrosponding to the Sanskrit suffix man; thus gean $=n$, and mhuir $=m a n$. The Irish fo (king, prince), is the Sau krit for $p a$ (ruler). The Irish ing (movement) is the Sanskrit iog (to move). The Irish fal is the Sanskrit pala (keeper). The Irish frith is the Sanskrit prati, the Greek proti. The Irish fath $n$ (voyage. journey), is the Sanskrit pathin (way, road), the English path, German pfat, Greek patss (path, step), pates (to step) : it reappeare also in the Sanskrit pathila (way), path (to go, depart), etc. The Irish tir (country), Kymric tir, dair, Cornish tir, doar, connect with terra tir stands in some probable relation to tirim (dry, as dry as land in contradistinction, to sea or water), and ter$r a$, in the same way, to torreo etc., the German tos ren, dur. The Irish talamh conn ets with the Sanskrit tala (surface, ground, bottom), the Latin tel-
lur, the German thal, Iselandic dal, English dale. The Irish struth, Kymric frut, is the Sanskrit srotas (a stream) from s. a (to flow). The Inish tanaigh connects with Sanskrit tan (to extend), the Greek tcino, e-tan on), also the Latin tendo, to ueo tenuis, tener, ete., the Old High German denui, modern dunn, English thin. Also the Sanskrit tanu (thin) tantis (s'ring, cord), tanas (thread; the Irish tana, Kymric tenev are to be referred to the same root. The Irish dagh (to burn), is the Sanskrit dah (to burn), which, likewise gives rise to forms with $g$ (approaching closely to the Irish gh of dagh), such as the future participle dagdha, the infinitive daghum: It reappeare in the Greek daio (to kindle), dais (torch), dalos etc. The rish it' and uait (to wait), ithim (I eat), is the Sanskrit ad, admi (I eat), adyas (eatable), Latin edo, Lithuanian edmi, Gothic itan, English to eat etc. The Irish each, ech (horse). Kymric ep, which also appears in the Gaulish epuredias (horse-tamer), Eporedia, Eporedrix, etc., is the Sanskrit asva, the Greek $h \mathrm{ik} k o s(=h i k$ Fos=iippos) and the Latin quaus, the Gothic aihous, Icelandic eik r, eyk r, the Anglo-Sazon ehu (in ehu scale, servas equarius) etc. The Jrish gein, gean, is the Sanskrit jan. Greek gen, as in genos, Lat. genus, Guthic kuii (sex), connfecting also with the Greek gune. The Irish dearc, derc (sight,-visible, clear, bright color, red), is the Sanskrit darsa (sight), the Greek derk-omai (I see), derg ma (glance), drakon sharpsighted, old Saxon tor $i t$, etc. The Irish caohm (to love), is the Sanskrit $\mathrm{k} a 0$. It is closely related to the Latin amo in wbich the initial guttural has been lost, just as we find it in the Eaglish, cream, German liahn otc. and in such Eaglish as know, knot, knight, where the initial $k$ though still retained in writing is lost in pronunciation. The Irish ban (white, pale), is related to the Sanskrit $h a m i(I$ shine), $b h$ ınu (light, sunlight), the Greek fain o (I shine, I show), fay eros, fan-os (bright, clear), fun-e (appearance), connecting, probably al o with the Latin $f$ cncstra ( $=f a i n$ estru) ; Freuch feaetre. It also reappears though greatly altered in $f \circ s$ (light), the Latin $f a$-cies, the Icelandic $f u$ (splendor), faga (to clear), the German $f \in g e n$ : in the Icelandic fagr, (light-haired, beantiful), aud the Fnglish fuir. Its ramifi sutions extend also to the Greek fantuzo (to make visible to manifest), juntasiu, funtasma, hence the English faucy,
(To be continued)

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## M. J. Logan

Dear Sir ;
I hope you have not forg st'en to look over your "Subscribers" list and seen if my subscription for the preseut volumn (4th) of the

Gael has been paid. I paid yourself for the 3rd vol. on my first introduction to you at the "Bowery School" last summer, but I have no clear recollection of sending my subscription for the current volume. I sent it, if I sent at all, by Mr. Burns, but he is no more certain of it than I am myself. He thinks I spoke about sending it. but more than this has no recollection and, like myself, he is inclined to the doubt that I did not. If I sent it you will havs it marked in your book, and this will end my doubt about it.
Now, as I got my pen in hand, let me have your ear for a whisper, as it were, and to respectfully suggest to you the exclusion from the pages of the Gael all partizan referances to American politics. I am myself a "dyed-in-the-wool" republican, being one since 1854 when Stephen A. Douglas introduced to the Senate the bill organizing Kansas and Nebraska into Territories, and which contained a "rider" that virtually repealed what was called the "Missouri Compromise" that prohibited the extension of slavery north of a certain parallel of latitude, and a repudiation of the much vaunted principle of democracy-"States' Rights." Of course very few of our countrymen bothered themselves about the principles that underlay the Douglas' bill, on the principles inaolved in the "personal liberties" laws passed in all, or nearly all. the New England States, and which culminated in the formation of the "Republican party," It seams a national characteristic in us to prefer to follow leaders rather than to study and act out principls. Ithas always been the chieftain, aboo! seldom is it, Ireland aboo! Each ward settlement o! our people had its "chief" among them, a "good fellow" who found it to behis special profit to be a good democrat, and whatever was to his immediate interest and profit constituted his political creed, He is always a good follow among the "boys", ever ready to set them up again, and his friends became their friends, his enamies their enem1es, his politics their politics and for him and his they shouted and voted though he had been previously saturated with all the dark, foul bigotry of Know. Ncthingism.
But times are changing, and the influence of such leaders on our people is beeoming less potent. I take it you are animated by a desire to break up such an unholy influence.

I appreciate your aim, but I fear the C-ael is not in a position to effect that end, and the attempt may, perhaps, but frustrate its other primary hope of promoting the culttivation of our language. If the Gael held a commanding place of equal intlaence among our people as does the "Irish World", "Boston Pilot", or "Irish American". I would gladly encourage you to "pitch in" and split this so called Irish "vote", if possible, so that no political party could boast having an irredeemable mortgage on it . But it does not: though if a prayer that the day may not be far distant when it will could speed it on, the same leaps
fervently from my heart daily! And hence I think it is not quite politic that it now engage in party issues.

The last number I got of the Gael was dated for April. Is this a "typo" mistake? If not, then I did not get the number for March.
D jes not your friend M. J. Collins go a little too far in the antiquity line of what is known to day as the "Irish Alphabet"? What Bishop O'Connell said about "four languages being formulated at the University of Sheaaar" I think is not pertinent to the question at issue. Can he quote the Bishop to show that the alpnabet, or the form of the letters in which the langnage is to-day printep and written is the same as that in which it was printed and written when it was formulated at the ancient University. The antiquity of the language no one denies. That it had always a written charactar or sign is also admitted. The antiquity denied is the present form of what is called the Irish letter or alphabet. The weight of modern research is against it. Even Canon Bourke who, when he compiled his "College Irish Grammar", held that the Irish character in its present written form was special to and ancient as the language itself, in later years, accepted the opposite view. For in a letter which he wrote in 1877, and which is republished at the end of his edition of Dr. Gallagher's Sermons, he says; "A wider range of reading and a greater experience proved beyond all doubt that the old Irish character, as such was the old Roman, the parent of the Anglo-Saxou and the German. and, like them, borrowed from the Romans. The Irish and Latin manuscripts still extant," he adds, "point out this truth clearly". Mr . C's. reading and experience may be equal and beyond that of the worthy Canon, "Perhaps" his conclusion is right,- "may be" the right one, but, for all he need not be in such hurry to "sit down" on those who by another road of reading than his have reached a different conclusion :The fact, says Mr. U., that the Roman Alphabet has eight letters more than the Irish is a strong proof that it is of a more recent formation. It is not a proof, for it is not a fact. By an arbitrary system the Irish Alphabet is made to appear to have fewer letters than the Roman, but naturally it has as many. This will appear evident if we keep in mind the definition of a letter, which is a printed or written character used to represent an articulate sound. Are there not certain letters in the Irish Alphabet called "aspirates" which convey full and distinct sounds to what they do when unaspirated? "B and M" aspirated have the sounds o both the Roman $V$ and $W$. D aspirated and pre ceding a slender has the distinct sound of Roman Y. The H is now admitted to a place in the Alphabet. It is its sound that is heard when $S$ and $T$ beginning words are aspirated and it is frequently used before words commencing with a vowel in or-
$r$ to mark their gender. In short thesounds of
the Roman letters H，V，W and Y are heard as fre quently，as clearly and as distinctly in spoken Irish as they are in English．Q and Z too are frequently though but partially heard．The J is not heard in Irish． K is lost in C ，and the sound that $O$ is made do duty for $i_{n}$ many English words is represented in Irish by the lettor S．So the argument from the difference in the number of letters is divested of all force under fair comparison．But，really，in the teaching of Irish，what difference does it make that the so called，old Irish Alphabet is formed from the Roman or the Roman from it，－whether one，or both forms，be as ancient as the Shenaar University itself，or，comparitively speaking，but of yesterday？I do believe the writing and print－ ing the language of what is called old Irish let－ ters is a great mistake，and repels rather than invites to its study．It is a great strain on the mental vision trying to keep continually present to it two forms of letters．You ask a student in any of our colleges why it is he learns Latin more easily than Greek and he will tell you it is owing to the peculiar printed character in which the latter is presented to his mind．I think the Dublin Society for the preservation of th Irish Language erred in not presenting it to us in a Roman outfit－For，though so presented in books and papers，decked Roman type，it would not affect its correct pronunciation，expression or utterance．The tongue would sing and ring it out in the same rich flowing accent as of yore． Understand I am not writing a reply for public ation nor in a spirit of controversy for controversy＇ sake，but from the feeling of one who believes he could make more rapid progress in its study in the Roman character than he is now able to make．This obstinate adherence to old forms retards instead of accelerates progress of its knowledge．National predilections aside the Ro man letter is decidedly more agreeable to the eye，and to us in this age，both from early training and continued habit，is the easiest and readiest to write．I dare say if I were in heaven to morrow my sister would look as fondly and tenderly on the little fifty cent photograh of me as she would upon a thovsand dollar oil picture painted by a Brumidi，Others might and would prefer the latter because of the artist，but to her it is all one which she posesses so long as it presents to ber mind the likeness of him she loves and for whom her heart prays．How many sisters could be consoled by a brother＇s picture were the cheap and easy way of making them by modern photography discarded for the old，tedious costly method of painting？So，thousands and thousands of young Irish scholars and students however，much they desire to possess a knowl－ edge of their native tongue，will continue in the want of it when they behold the tedious labor and mental ecst involved in studying it in the
written characters of the old Olamhs，wise and learned though they may have been．

Yours truly

## E．P．McDermott．

4 S\％The Hon．Denis Burns paid your subs．
Mr．McDermott would seem to think that the E ditor of the Gael is a Republican．He is no such thing．He is a staunch Democrat．And that is why he opposed the magwamp coalition last Fall， knowing if it were successful that it would be the death knell of the real Democratic Party．He was not mistaken．The real leaders of the Demo crats are sat upon and the offices to which they are entitIed by virtue of their successful efforts given away to the mugwumps．Then，holding these principles of Majority Rule，the Editor of the GaEL considered that he had a right to ex press his sentiments therein，he being at that time its heaviest supporter．But，as Republicans and Democrats alike recommend a non partizan con－ duct of the Gael，and being now in the majority in its support the Editor，according to his principle of majority $r u^{\top} e$ ，concedes their right to dictate the manner of its conduct．Hence，with this issue，in deference to the suggestions of friends of both par－ ties．the GaEL ceases to make reference to Ameri c in politics．］

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We are indebted to Mr．M．P．Ward for this song．It is the composition of Dominick Cosgrove，whose family removed from the county galway and settled near Castlebar，county Mayo．

Friend ward said a good deal more concerning his history but，being limit ed in space，we had to＂boil＂it down．

## SENTIMENTS of o ur SUBSCRIBERS．

Ala．per F．S．McCusker，Mrs．Capt，O． Finigan，T．Dolan．Mr．McCosker remarks，－＂I think a ael Glas must get up a scheme more prac－ tical to enlist the attention and co－operation of those interested．Long prayers seem to have lit－ tle effect on the British．Let him vary the pro－ gramme with dynamite and he will bring the end much nearer．＂

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