Bless the Dear Old Verdant Land.

By DENIS FLORENCE MACCARTHY.

BLESS the dear old verdant land!
Brother, wert thou born of it?
As thy shadow life doth stand
Twining round its rosy band,
Did an Irish mother's hand
Guide thee in the morn of it?
Did a father's first command
Teach thee love or scorn of it?

Thou who tread'st its fertile breast,
Dost thou feel a glow for it?
Thou of all its charms possest,
Living on its first and best,
Art thou but a thankless guest,
Or a traitor foe for it?
If thou lovest, where's the test?
Wilt thou strike a blow for it?

Has the past no goading sting
That can make thee rouse for it?
Does thy land's reviving spring,
Full of buds and blossoming,
Fail to make thy cold heart cling,
Breathing lover's vows for it?
With the circling ocean's ring
Thou wert made a spouse for it.

Hast thou kept as thou shoulds't keep
Thy affections warm for it,
Letting no cold feeling creep
Like an ice-breath o'er the deep,
Freezing to a stony sleep,
Hopes the heart would form for it,
Glories that like rainbows peep
Through the darkening storm for it?

Son of this down-trodden land,
Aid us in the fight for it.
We seek to make it great and grand,
Its slipless bays, its naked strand,
By canvas-swelling breezes fanned!
Oh, what a glorious sight for it,
The past expiring like a brand
In morning's rosy light for it!

Think, this dear old land is thine,
And thou a traitor slave of it;
Think how the Switzer leads his kine,
When pale the evening star doth shine;
His song has home in every line,
Freedom in every stave of it;
Think how the German loves his Rhine
And worships every wave of it!

Our own dear land is bright as theirs,
But oh! our hearts are cold for it;
Awake! we are not slaves, but heirs,
Our fatherland requires our cares,
Our speech with men, with God our prayers!
Spurn blood-stained Judas gold for it;
Let us do all that honor dares—
Be earnest, faithful, bold for it!

DID GREAT AND NOBLE WORK.

Labor of St. Patrick Conferred Blessings on Humanity.

St. Patrick did a great and noble work in Ireland—great for the church, for humanity and for his own immortal reputation.

He founded three hundred and sixty-five churches, ordained three hundred and sixty-five bishops and three thousand priests.

We are told that he baptized seven Irish kings at once. Whoever has read very much about the old Irish kings and their dispositions will realize that it took a very forceful man to get seven of them together and keep them alive long enough to baptize them.

St. Patrick chose for his labors a race worthy of his enthusiasm and affection. No race ever received the gospel with greater joy and willingness than the Irish people. Innumerable religious houses were founded by the Celtic missionaries—among them the famous monastery founded by the Irish monk, St. Columba, on the little island of Iona, which was destined to become a world renowned center of Christian learning and zeal. From this little island, for two centuries, Christianity was spread persistently among the heathen people in all directions.

The Irish sent devoted missionaries throughout the Pictish highlands, far off into the forests of Germany where the Druids were still killing human sacrifices and into the fastnesses of the Alps. Wherever men were living as heathens and savages priests to do missionary work were sent out by the Irish church—thanks to the sowing of the seed by the great St. Patrick.

Properly a Universal Holiday.

St. Patrick's day is a universal holiday. The world honor's Ireland's patron saint for the splendid qualities his people have drawn from his teachings.

Irishmen rejoice that they have kept the splendid traditions of their race through seven hundred years of oppression.

But holding to these principles has exiled them. They are a liberty-loving people and the love of liberty has sent them far from Erin.

But other nations have reaped the benefit of their exile. The Irish have contributed to the civilization, the courage and progress of the world.

There were with Washington one hundred and twenty-five years ago. Montgomery died for America under Quebec, and Sullivan and Morgan did their full duty with American land forces, while Barry and other Irishmen flew the flag of the American revolutionists from his ship.

They were with Dewey at Manila.

They are an important and useful force in American citizenship.

That's why all Americans are inclined to join with their fellow citizens of Irish birth or parentage and celebrate St. Patrick's day.

ST. PATRICK WORTHY OF HONOR.

His Career Marked with the True Spirit of Christian Charity.

There are those who, dead to sentiment, decry the waste of time of a holiday celebrating the memory of a hero.

But is the festal day utterly wasted? Hard labor is the portion of mankind, from the man at the office desk to the laborer in the street. Since the blessedness of leisure has little part in most lives, the rare feast day brings with it an inspiration of enthusiasm to cheer the jaded spirits. It is a time for the assertion of the man himself. He escapes for an instant from the grasp of necessity and joys in the privilege of doing what he likes.

If, by chance, his mind turns to the hero whose manhood had the power to stay the wheels of work—to a Washington, a Lincoln or a St. Patrick—a gracious influence from the honored dead enters into his soul. Be his heart as dry as summer's dust, his faith and hope worn to a shadow, the passing thought of reverence for men whose integrity shines steadfastly through the ages will have an elevating power, and he will take up his burden on the morrow encouraged and refreshed.

To-day the sons of Erin honor the memory of St. Patrick. His gift to his people is the blessed one of peace on earth, good will toward men. His beneficence and genial qualities have the power to awaken joy in the human heart. No sacrifice of heathen nor blood of the martyrs stains his shield; his career was marked with the true spirit of Christian charity.

All hail, St. Patrick! May your memory never grow less, but blossom anew as gladly as the ever-green shamrock responds to the call of each returning spring.

St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick's day, whatever the changes which its observance has undergone in this country, remains an interesting and important day. It serves to keep alive a generous inspiration in the hearts of millions of Americans. A people who thus cherish the noblest things in their past prepare themselves for noble things in the future.

The intensity of the Irishman's devotion to the land of his origin only measures the intensity of his devotion to his new home here in America. The Irishman is a passionate patriot President Roosevelt is among those who have called attention to the sacrifices and contributions of the Irish people in this country, from the days of the revolution. "A masterful race of rugged character," the President truly said.

Conscientious.

"So you have fallen heir to five millions?" we asked of our friend who has been conspicuous among those who have been railing at ill-gotten wealth and declaring that no self-respecting charity, college or mission should accept it.

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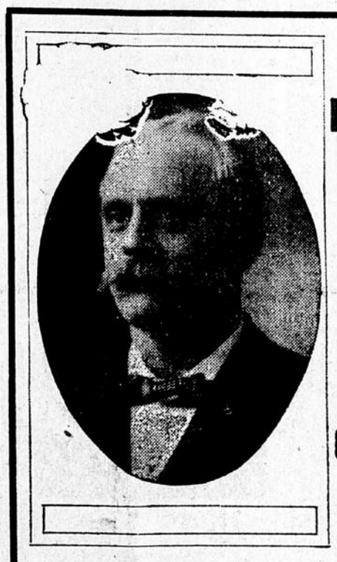

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