

the pure call of the soul of Erin. Pass over the shams and go back half a century and you hear it again in Davis and in Mangan. And once you know the real Note the imitation will never deceive you.

Mangan

Just as Davis and Mitchel were the spiritual forefathers of the Sinn Fein leaders, Mangan was the precursor of the poets of the new age in Ireland. He was heart and soul with the men of 'Forty-Eight, and in his prose and verse we still can feel the beating of the great heart of an impassioned patriot poet. His life was a lonely and a sad one. In Dublin, where the past never dies, his ghost still lives. He haunts the narrow streets and the old quays, just as Dante haunts Florence to-day and always. Lovers of Mangan cannot walk through Dublin without recalling the dreamer with the song of Dark Rosaleen in his heart and the strange light of genius in his blue eyes, just as in Ravenna or Florence the lovers of the great Italian poet still almost expect to meet the gaunt figure of the man who saw hell. Like Dante, poor Mangan did see hell in his lifetime, and he knew how hard were the steps of the stairs of strangers, while he "hungered for better bread than can be made of wheat." As Lionel Johnson said of him, "Life had struck him in his affections and emotions: he could never recover from the blow, could but magnify it in memory and imagination, conceive himself marked by it, go apart from the world to hide it, go astray in the world to forget it." And yet this strange blighted, lonely man gave us our most radiant and glorious poetry, and is perhaps the very greatest of all our Irish singers, not excepting Yeats.

"Dark Rosaleen"

Mangan did much work that was not worthy of his genius, but we must not forget that a starving man cannot wait for the moment of rapture. To find him at his best and highest we must turn to *Dark Rosaleen*, that wonderful poem by which he is best known. The hearts of millions of Irish boys and girls have been thrilled and fired by hearing those imperishable verses recited in schoolroom, in hall, or by the fire-sides of Irish homes, and nobody who ever heard the glorious verses could fail to recognise that here was real genius and true poetry. It is among the very greatest of the world's lyrics. It is "one of the fairest and fiercest in its perfection of imagery and rhythm; it is the chivalry of a nation's faith struck on a sudden into the immortality of music." If Mangan had never written another verse he would be loved by Irishmen for the sake of the rapturous, flashing lines of his *Dark Rosaleen*—

All day long in unrest
To and fro do I move,
The very soul within my breast
Is wasted for you, love!
The heart in my bosom faints
To think of you, my queen,
My life of life, my saint of saints,
My Dark Rosaleen!
My own Rosaleen!

To hear your sweet and sad complaints,
My life, my love, my saint of saints,
My Dark Rosaleen!

O the Erne shall run red
With redundance of blood,
The earth shall rock beneath our tread,
And flames wrap hill and wood,
And gun-peal and slogan cry,
Wake many a glen serene,
Ere you shall fade, ere you shall die,
My Dark Rosaleen!
My own Rosaleen!

The judgment hour must first be nigh,
Ere you can fade, ere you can die,
My Dark Rosaleen!

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Rev. Father Cashman, late pastor of Marton, who is returning to his own diocese of Cork, Ireland, after five years' duty in New Zealand, was a visitor to Dunedin during the week.

The euchre social given in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Christian Brothers' Physical Culture Class, was attended by about 200 persons, and proved a very enjoyable and successful function. The euchre prizes were won by Miss. Mulholland and Mr. D. O'Connell.

On Friday last, Feast of the Sacred Heart, the various Masses at St. Joseph's Cathedral were very numerous attended, and practically the whole of the congregations approached the Holy Table. The devotions special of the Feast were held in the evening, and were very impressive.

On Saturday a good number of the St. Patrick's Harriers ran from the Sacred Heart School, North-east Valley. The club, under Captain L. Marlow, led up towards Normandy, going through some paddocks to Pine Hill, returning via Pine Hill terrace and Main North Road. The members afterwards were entertained by Messrs. Marlow, Fitzgerald, Hoare, McAllen, and Monaghan at the Garden Tea Rooms.

The Queen Coronation in connection with the Christian Brothers' Carnival is to be held in His Majesty's Theatre on the evenings of Friday and Saturday next. The first part of the programme will consist of musical and elocutionary items, and dancing. For the second half great preparations have been made to make the throne room a brilliant spectacle. The queen will be attended by the seven subject princesses, with their retinue of heralds, pages, etc. The procession will pass from the stage, down a broad staircase to the stalls, and go right round the theatre. The dresses have been specially made for the function, and a great amount of attention has been bestowed on the lighting. It is anticipated that the success of the coronation will be such as to enable the Christian Brothers' house to be opened free of debt.

The devotions of the Forty Hours Adoration at the Sacred Heart Church, North-east Valley, were largely attended throughout. On Friday evening, Feast of the Sacred Heart, the sermon was preached by Rev. Father Kaveney and on Sunday evening by Rev. Father Collins. At the 8.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday the church was completely crowded, when practically the whole congregation approached the Holy Table. Among those present were over 70 members of the Hibernian Society in regalia, representing St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's branches. The Forty Hours' Adoration was brought to a close on Sunday evening with a procession, followed by Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Much credit is due to the devoted ladies who were responsible for the really beautiful decoration of the altar and sanctuary, and for the illuminations during the period of Adoration.

The Association football match between Christian Brothers and Maori Hill, played at the Gardens Ground on Saturday, proved an even and well-contested one. The hill team had the advantage of the gradient of the ground in the first spell. For the Brothers Higgins, Cassidy, Mackle, and Collins stood out for fine work. The match resulted in a win for Christian Brothers by 2 goals to 1.

In the second grade matches Christian Brothers were defeated by Y.M.C.A. by 3 goals to 2.

In the fourth grade, Christian Brothers (2) defeated Old Boys (nil). Moroney and Brookes goalied for the winners.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION, DUNEDIN.

There was an attendance of about 100 members of the above association at the assembly room of the Christian Brothers' School, on Monday evening. The president (Rev. Brother Bowler) presided, Rev. Fathers

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