

THE SCOTCH-IRISH.

(Address read by Dr. W. E. McKinney, pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church, before the Bellefonte Chapter of the D. A. R).

(Continued from last week). And this law was only a forerunner of more stringent ones to follow. Soon non-conformists were excommunicated for the crime of being married by ministers of their own denomination. What was known as the royal bounty was withdrawn; and scores of the churches were nailed up; churches in Belfast, Antrim, Downpatrick, and Rathfriland. Times have changed in North of Ireland since those days, and we rejoice that a perfect spirit of toleration exists there as it exists in our own land of the brave and the free. The fact of non-toleration in the days of Queen Ann is only mentioned as an explanation of the coming of thousands of Ulstermen to our own shores to join with us, heart and soul, in the great struggle of 1776. Can we blame them for being out and out to a man against English rule in these colonies in that Independent war? We may forgive, but in the lives of nations at least, history shows us that it takes more than a hundred years to forget such wrongs as England inflicted on those who had stood by her in her day of distress. Today onehalf of the Canadian and Austrian troops in Northern France are of this stock, thousands from Ulster are standing by their side, and who has not heard of their loyalty, their devotion, and their sacrifices for the mother country-old England. When England learned to treat them with respect she had no more loyal sons.

Thus from both economic and religious motives they wended their way across the Atlantic ocean to find a more friendly shore, and to lay the foundation of those homes that have become historic in the pages of our histories. They left in crowds, going away with wives and children, never to return. Whole congregations, with their ministers, as in the case of the Mayflower, landed on our American shores. In 1728, Archbishop Boulter states "that above 4200 men, women, and children have been shipped off from hence for America within three years." In 1740, it is stated that for several years afterwards, twelve thousand emigrants left Ulster each year for the American plantations, while from 1771 to 1773 the whole emigration from Ulster is estimated at thirty thousand, of whom ten thousand were weavers. As an able historian puts it "Thus was Ulster drainthe most energetic and desirable morals, will be our next witness. classes of its population. They left the land which had been saved to England by the sword of their fathers, and crossed the sea to escape from the galling tyranny of the bishops whom England had made rulers of that land. And here also, in the end, the sons were obliged to draw their swords in order that they might save to themselves from England the land which they had won." Where did these people settle when they came to the new land-to America. Some of them went to New England and settled in Boston and in Worcester, and some threaded their way up into Maine and New Hampshire and Vermont. It is said that twenty thousand settled along the Atlantic coast from the Charles river time of his tragic death, may be exup to the Kennebec. But the greater portion of the emigrants poured into the middle and southern States or colonies. Their main ports of entry were New Castle and Philadelphia, and from these points they soon became a powerful element in Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. They literally took pos-session of Philadelphia. Pittsburgh is to the marrow Scotch-Irish. They pushed their way into the Cumberland the valley of Virginia, and then by der line into the Carolinas-North and battle was seen their burnished mail, river was an unbroken wilderness, By nature and training he was a pio- Cormick, and Morse in invention." neer, so, he pushed on, crossing the

been of this blood. Twenty years betined to play an important part in the fore the opening of the last century, economic affairs of the United States Col. George Rogers Clarke, a Scotchas a substitute for linseed. A mem-Irishman, commissioned by Governor ber of the National Paint, Oil and Patrick Henry, of Virginia, another Varnish Association recently read a report which declared that the culti-vation of the sunflower for this pur-Scotch-Irishman, organized and led the great military expedition which redeemed the whole Northwestern Territory, out of which five great value and to yield a gross re-turn to the farmer of from \$30 to \$36 States have been carved! As has an acre.

well been said, "No other people ever broke the way for them; they broke it for themselves and for others who followed."

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Some descendants of this hard and thrifty race have wished that their ancestors might have massed themselves together, as did the Puritans, and have formed a colony of their own. Then they might have made a name for themselves in American history, as did some other types of people. This wish is a mistake. They became a leavening power in all of the other colonies, and thus worked more mightily for American liberty than they could have done if they had been solidified into a single colony. They were ever steadfast and strenuous champions of civil and religious liberty in the colonies, and history knows of no prominent Scotch-Irishman, who was a Tory, in the days of the great struggle for independence. What has this people done for this land of ours? How have they shown their greatness? Wherein are we in-

debted to them? Before mentioning any specific deeds, or referring to any great characters produced, let me quote a few general statements.

James Anthony Froude, the eminent English historian, will be our first witness. He was an ardent Englishman, a man of keen discerning powers of mind, and one who was not afraid to proclaim what he believed to be the truth. Here is his testimo-ny: "Throughout the revolted colo-nies, and, therefore, probably the first to begin the struggle, all evidence shows that the foremost, the most ir-reconcilable, the most determined in pushing the quarrel to the last ex-tremity, were the Scotch-Irish whom to be the truth. Here is his testimotremity, were the Scotch-Irish whom the bishops and Lord Donegal and company had been pleased to drive out of Ulster. It is a fact beyond question that most of the early successes in America were immediately owing to the vigorous exertions and prowess of these Irish emigrants, who

oore arms in that cause. Ramsey says that the Scotch-Irish in America were almost to a man on the side of Independence. They had fled from oppression in their native country, and could not brook the idea that it should follow them. Their natural prepossessions in favor of liberty were strengtehened by their religious opinions.'

William Edward Hartpole Lecky, the author of the history of European

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"Many went to the West Indias, and many others to the American colonies. They went with hearts burning with indignation, and in the war of Independence they were almost to a man on the side of the insurgents. They supplied some of the best soldiers of Washington. The famous Pennsylvania line was mostly of this race; and Montgomery, who, having distinguished himself highly at the capture of Quebec, became one of the

earliest of the American commanders in the war of Independence, was a native of Donegal. " The late William McKinley, President of these United States at the amined as an impartial witness to these facts. Here is a paragraph taken from a speech delivered by him in Springfield, Ohio, May 11, 1893, when he was Governor of that State. "As American citizens, the Scotch-Irish

have ample reason for pride. The Scotch-Irish were the first to proclaim for freedom in these United States; even before Lexington, Scotch-Irish blood had been shed on behalf of American freedom; and the valley, into the Shenandoah, on into spirit of Patrick Henry animated the Scotch-Irish to a man when the great thousands they crossed over the bor- clash came. In the forefront of every South. The spirit of the Virginian and in the gloomy rear of retreat was Cavalier did not agree with their con- heard their voice of constancy and stitution, so they retreated to more courage. Representatives of this congenial soil, occupying the States of race are among the brightest names Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama. in American history. They have The whole territory of the Mississip- shone in every great epoch of nationpi valley was reclaimed by the stur- al life. So long as there is a strugdy arm of these lovers of freedom and nature. They were so strong in the Empire Stote of New Y and in the that love will the American the Empire State of New York that heart, that long will the name and its first Republican Governor was a fame of this race be preserved and enson of this race—Governor George Clinton. Records show that the ear-light and the earliest settlements west of the Monon-gahela river took place about 1770. Hamilton, Jackson, Madison, Polk, The whole region round about the Buchanan, the heroic Grant, and the immortal Lincoln. Not only in stateswarming with wild beasts and still craft and war have the Scotch-Irish wilder men. But the Scotch-Irishman distinguished themselves in American believed himself equal to his task, as annals. There are Greely and Bon-Israel knew he could conquer Canaan. ner in journalism, and Fulton, Mc-

"Next to their intense patriotism, Ohio and driving the Indian before the distinguishing characteristics of him, always leading the migration the Scotch-Irish are their love of and never content as long as fertile learning and of religion. The Scotchlands lay beyond. Thus in the course Irishman is the ideal educator, and he of time he opened up the wilds of In- is a natural theologian. It would be diana, Illinois, Iowa, and so on clear difficult to find a college or university without a Scotch-Irishman upon its

through to the Pacific coast. "In the year 1905 there was in Port-land, Oregan, a splendid exposition ter of Ohio, where manual training celebrating the great exploring expe- was with the birch rod. Another dition of Captains Lewis and Clarke marked characteristic of the Scotchacross the continent one hundred Irish is the love of home and family, years ago. One of these redoubtable and wherever this prevails there are men certainly was a Scotch-Irish man, found manly virtue, and high integand both of them probably were. It rity, and good citizenship. The home has been ascertained that the majori-ty of the most famous frontiersmen mighty forces, marking progress of of the forest, the plains and the the Scotch-Irish." mountains of the entire central and (Continued next week)

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