

IRELAND'S PATRON SAINT.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF HIS BIRTH, HIS LIFE AND HIS WORKS.

History Based Largely Upon Legend. Conflicting Statements—St. Patrick's Youth and Captivity—His Unceasing Progress—Return Home.

Seven cities claimed to be the birthplace of St. Patrick. Nearly all nations lay claim to the honor of giving St. Patrick to the world. England, Scotland, Wales and France all present a pretension of legitimacy...

Cogan's writings, which are based upon well authenticated traditions of Armoric Gaul, are probably the most truthful and reliable. He states positively that St. Patrick was born at Holy Tours, in Armoric Gaul, in 373. There he spent his early youth until the arrival of the fleets and armies of Niall Nech...

In 389 he was sold to the petty prince, Milcho Huanan, and his three brothers, in the province of Dalriada, in the north-west of Ireland, and served the king as a slave.

"My constant business was to feed the hogs. I was required to perform the love and fear of God more and more inflamed my heart; my faith was enlarged; my spirit augmented; so that I said an hundred prayers by day and almost many by night. I arose before day to my prayers. The snow, in the front, in the rain; nor was I affected by coldness, for then the spirit of God was warm within me."

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Then he stayed two years with his relatives, after which he was warned through a vision that there was work for him to do in Ireland, and that he should return there.

He resolved then to carry out his long cherished wish to attempt the work of converting Ireland. To fit himself for this work he spent many years in travel and study.

His innovation was strongly opposed by the Druidical priests, who naturally wished to preserve the great power they held over the people through their supposed magical and mystifying acts. But legend says that St. Patrick's miraculous powers soon put the magicians to shame.

Many other miracles are ascribed to St. Patrick, prominent among which was the setting on fire, by blowing upon it, a pile of snowballs and chunks of ice, which he had told his companions to gather when they complained of the bitter cold one morning.

All the world knows that St. Patrick is credited the credit of the freedom of Ireland from snakes. Colgan solemnly states that St. Patrick accomplished the feat of banishing the reptiles through the instrumentality of a drum, which he beat over the snakes.

In the year 461 St. Patrick journeyed to Rome, where he was received with joy by the pope, and confirmed in his apostolate of Ireland. He returned to Ireland in 462, and lived for thirty years after this, mostly in retirement, although he did not neglect the concerns of the church, but, through synods and ecclesiastical councils, he exercised a general supervision. The number of churches said to have been established by him is 700.

These last thirty years of his eventful and holy life were spent, for the most part, between the monasteries of Down and Armagh. He concluded his ministry and his life in the Abbey of Saul, on the 17th of March, 463, in the 120th year of his age, as is supposed. He was buried at Down. The English invaded Ulster in 1185, and in 1186 the remains of St. Patrick, St. Columba and St. Brigid, on the 9th of June, were, by the pope's nuncio, transferred to a place prepared for them in the cathedral of Down, afterward called St. Patrick's. It was enacted that the anniversary of the finding of the relics should be regularly celebrated throughout Ireland forever.

The church of Down and the saint's shrine were profaned by Leonard, Lord Gray, lord deputy of Ireland, in 1535. Three years later he was beheaded on a scaffold on Tower Hill, London, for treason, and his ignominious end was looked upon by Catholics as a judgment from God for his sacrilege.

RIDDING IRELAND OF THE SNAKES. Dear home of my father! I'd hold thee to blame, And my cheeks would at times take the crimson of shame, Did thy tale not show, in each sorrow stained line, That the might of thy tyrant was greater than mine.

The Seventeenth of March. The 17th of March is the anniversary not only of St. Patrick's death, but of some other notable events; among them, according to a tradition of the middle ages, was the beginning of Noah's voyage in the ark, with his strictly limited and exclusive party of passengers, though why this date was chosen is not apparent. The Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius Antonine died on March 17, A. D. 180. Other events recorded on March 17 are the birth of Samuel Patterson, the first book auctioneer, London, 1728; and the death of David Dale, the English philanthropist and manufacturer, grandfather of Robert Dale Owen. The date is also dedicated to St. Joseph of Arimathea, the patron of Gloucestershire. St. Gertrude, virgin abbess, was martyred in Brantune March 17, 629.

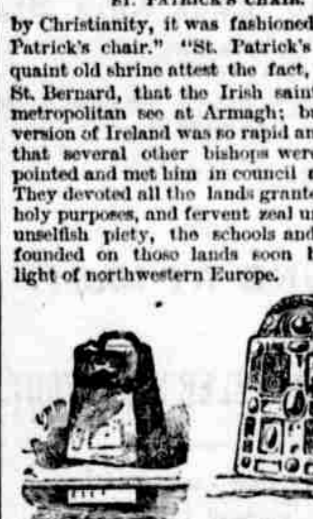
St. Patrick—Begone, all of you! Ages ago you and your brood were forbidden to pollute this soil.—New York Daily Graphic.

GOOD ST. PATRICK.



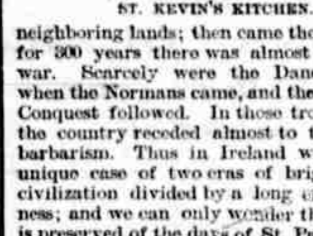
RELICS OF ST. PATRICK. His Chair and Bell—The Kitchen of St. Kevin.

Of course Ireland abounds in memorials of the saints, and most of St. Patrick, whose noted "chair" is a rudely fashioned rock in the Glen of Altavue. The tradition is that it was originally a "cromlech" or Druid monument, and to make it a memorial of the fact that the old religion had been driven out of the country.



ST. PATRICK'S CHAIR.

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ST. KEVIN'S KITCHEN.

neighboring lands; then came the Danes, and for 90 years there was almost continuous war. Scurvily the Danes expelled when the Normans came, and the wars of the Conquest followed. In those troubled times the country receded almost to the original barbarism. Thus in Ireland we have the unique case of two eras of brightness and civilization divided by a long era of darkness; and we can only wonder that so much is preserved of the days of St. Patrick.

THE IRISH-AMERICAN. BY Y. D. McILVAIN. Columbia the free is the land of my birth, And my paths have been all on American earth; But my blood is as Irish as any can be, And my heart is with Erin afar off the sea.

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