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"Those who live as models for the mass
Are singly of more value than they all.
Keep but the model safe, new men will rise
To take its mould, and other days to prove
How great a good was Luria's having lived."

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CHAPTER I.

THE STUDENT. 1831-1838.



THOMAS DAVIS, the most notable Irishman of the generation to which he belonged, was born in Mallow, County Cork, on the 14th of October, 1814,

When he came into the world Ireland was a garrison, in the same sense that Calcutta or Gibraltar is a garrison to-day. The native population, who were universally Catholics, amounted to between six and seven millions, but none of them under the existing