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Authors and Authorities to whom I am indebted:

"THE FOUR MASTERS,"

"WALSH'S ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY OF IRELAND,"

"OSSIAN," "THE INVASION," AND

"THE CLASSICS"

I have attempted a contribution to Irish Literature with
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DEDICATED TO MEMORY OF MY BELOVED MOTHER
AND FATHER.

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PROLOGUE.

My aim in writing this tale, is to familiarize all with a glorious epoch in Irish History, apart from its disaster.

I hope I have reflected in the character of Genevieve, a chaste love. In the study of Cwan, a soldier of Fortune, who in his vicissitudes shows the national reverence for celibacy. The strict rules of the church extending even to the minor orders.

The extreme of the zealot is manifest in the eccentric hermit of the tale.

The tenderness of the Prelate noted in the sequel.

I have taken certain historical liberties to blacken treason of Dermot, and accepted legendary tradition of good and bad spirits, to make the tale an Illiad.

The meeting of Cwan and the Druid affords a light on Druidism.

The invasion of Henry leaves doubt on the Bull of Adrian, and implies that the submission of the Irish, was involuntary.

Hoping the tale will be understood in its true purpose, I am

JOHN P. LONARGAN,



CHAPTER I.

O'ROURKE LOSES HIS WIFE. DERMOD PURSUED BY KING RODERICK.

THE Harp of Tara stirred melodious echoes in distant dells; the glories of her saints were still household words. Alas! poor Niobe, the glory of Erin is extinguished forever. Freedom may yet unfurl her banner to the breeze, the shamrock be uplifted, learning trim her lamp in ivied cloisters, religion flourish, a home-ruling parliament re-invigorate, but her fearless chivalry and noble warriors are ghosts of the past—out of place in an era of commerce and mercantile exactness. Australia and America may join hands to help Erin. Her exiled sons however can only maintain her honor on foreign battle-fields. Inveterate foes of the Sassenach, we have appealed to public opinion, obtaining a favorable verdict; a verdict which once rendered, crumbles the throne of kings. Restitution, however, seems as tardy as a chancery proceeding.

Our story brings us to the south of Ireland where the gentle Suire (in the words of Spencer)