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WRACK

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THE other day I was looking through a spasmodic journal that I kept about ten years ago during a stay in South Connemara. I was just beginning to write at the time, and the pages of this little book are full of my first faltering and uncertain attempts to seize some broken echo of the deep and solemn music that Ireland was pouring into my wakening ears. My boy's mind was like an Æolian harp, swept through mightily by all the eight coloured winds of Erin, and giving forth but a confused and many-toned murmur from amid which it was difficult for my untrained artistry to call forth a coherent music. My diary of that period is filled with the