

SOME FACTS.

Except Basque, Irish is the most **ANCIENT LANGUAGE** in Europe. Until the Cromwellian settlement it was practically the only language spoken in Ireland.

It was spoken by **HIGH AND LOW**, including the great Anglo-Irish nobles.

It is still spoken by over **640,000** people in Ireland.

In many parts of Ireland it is still the **ONLY LANGUAGE UNDERSTOOD** by most of the people.

In the County Galway alone there are over **8,000** people who know absolutely **NO ENGLISH**.

Irish has a vocabulary of, at least, **70,000 native words**.

Even the uneducated Irish-speaking peasant uses as large a vocabulary as the average educated English speaker.

Like German, Irish possesses the power of making an **UNLIMITED NUMBER** of **new words** from pre-existing native roots.

English, which has been supplanting Irish in this country, does **NOT** possess as many **NATIVE** words, the most of the English vocabulary being made up of Latin, Greek and other **FOREIGN WORDS**.

Irish is **grammatically complete**.

It has **ALL** the **genders**, **ALL** the **Inflexions**, **ALL** the **moods**, most of which have been **LOST** in English, French and other modern languages.

Next to Russian, Irish possesses **more sounds** than any other European language.

IRISH possesses about **95 sounds**, as against about **45** in **ENGLISH**.

Having these **varied sounds** and this **typical grammar** at his command, an **IRISH** speaker **CAN EASILY MASTER** practically any European language.

Opinions of Foreign Scholars.

PROFESSOR STANLEY LANE-POOLE, a great English linguist, says:—"What Latin has done for Europe, Gaelic may do as **A TRAINING INSTRUMENT** for Ireland."

Gaelic provides ample exercise for mental training in its **elaborate accidence**, its **beautiful phonetic system**, its **exquisite flexibility** and its **copious vocabulary**.

I know very few (languages) which possess such a **CHARM AND VARIETY** as the Irish Gaelic. There are special peculiarities of accidence and phonetics which are **positively fascinating** to a linguist. . . . The key

Leaflet promoting Irish Gaelic language, giving a number of facts along with 'opinions of