

ADDRESS

From the Members of the Galway Branch of the Young Ireland Society,

TO MASTER JAMES PLUCK,

ON THE OCCASION OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR AUSTRALIA.

The Members of the Galway Branch of the Young Ireland Society, having heard of your intention to emigrate to Australia, desire to convey to you their regret at your departure.

During your time in the Society, you have invariably been most attentive at its meetings, manifested a great interest in its proceedings, and shown an anxiety for its objects, which left no doubt of your patriotic spirit.

Your kind agreeable disposition, won you many friends, who recognising in you the germs of those estimable qualities which go to make up a worthy son of Ireland, were sanguine that they could calculate on you in coming years as a valuable support to the national cause. Your labours, however, seem to be reserved for another country; and, to adopt the lines of one of your brother-members of the Young Ireland Society:—

Dear youth, you are leaving the land of your fathers,
And ere long broad oceans shall part it from you;
But yet to your labours what'er fortune gathers,
Still, still, to the old land be faithful and true.

Full oft have her children infantile won honour,
And proudly we point to their great deeds and worth;
May yours be like theirs, however far from her,
To add to the fame of the land of your birth.

Your new home may merit a true heart's affection;
Let no act of thine on the east diagram;
Be guided by honour and shun all connection
Unworthy a son of the great Celtic race.

Again tendering you our kindest wishes for your future prosperity, we beg to subscribe ourselves on behalf of the Young Ireland Society,

P. FORDE, Chairman.
A. G. SCOTT, Vice-Chairman.
T. H. MCCOY, Hon. Treasurer.
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Young Ireland Hall, Queen's-street, Galway, 11th March, 1864.

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Young Ireland Hall, Cress-street, Galway, 11th March, 1886