

NOTE

This 'legendary romance' is based upon the ancient and still current (though often hopelessly contradictory) legends concerning Brighid, or Bride, commonly known as 'Muime Chriosd,' i.e. the Foster-Mother of Christ. From the universal honour and reverence in which she was and is held—second only in this respect to the Virgin herself—she is also called 'Mary of the Gael.' Another name, frequent in the West, is 'Brighde-nam-Bratj,' i.e. St. Bride of the Mantle, a name explained in the course of my legendary story. Brighid the Christian saint should not, however, as is commonly done, be confused with a much earlier and remoter Brighid, the ancient Celtic muse of Song.