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kindly stepmother, is Stephen J. Meany. He  
is a lawyer, author and newspaper man. In  
all of these fields he has achieved an honor-  
able reputation, but he is best known by his  
devotion to Ireland. Whenever he thought  
he could serve her in any way by crossing  
the water, no matter what his personal in-  
terests were, over  
the water he went,  
sacrificing every-  
thing that ordinary  
people care most  
for. There is the  
hero as well as the  
patriot in him. A  
sketch of his life is  
given in John Sav-  
age's "Finnish He-  
roes and Martyrs."  
The last time he was  
in the old country  
was in the summer  
and fall of '85, when  
he was in London  
and took part in the  
defense of Burton and Cunningham, accused  
of attempting to blow up the tower of Lon-  
don with dynamite.



STEPHEN J. MEANY.

Mr. Meany is well on in years now. He is  
an Irishman of Irishmen, a native of County  
Clara. His journalistic career began in 1843,  
when he was reporter on The Limerick  
Chronicle. He afterwards was employed on  
The Dublin Freeman. While serving on this  
paper he traveled with Daniel O'Connell, and  
reported his speeches in shorthand. He  
came to this country and became proprietor  
of The Toledo (Ohio) Commercial. Always  
throwing up whatever he had on hand to  
serve Ireland, it happened that he seldom  
remained long on any one paper. He has  
been connected as editorial writer and editor  
with many journals, among them The New  
York World and Star.

Mr. Meany is now lying very ill in a New  
York hospital.

James McNeill Whistler.  
The announcement that J. McNeill  
Whistler is about to revisit this country, his  
native land, calls attention anew to this  
erratic artist. He has long been probably  
the most talked of man in London, attempt-  
ing as he does to set the fashion in art as  
Oscar Wilde did in dress. He is the original  
of Bunthorne in "Patience." His makeup  
and surroundings and affectations and egot-  
ism have formed the subject of more than one  
letter written to American newspapers by  
London correspondents. His suit against  
Mr. Ruskin, who hotly charged him with  
"singing a pot of paint in the face of the  
public," is among his recent felicities, and  
he wears on his chain the halfpenny awarded  
him on that occasion by way of damages to  
his reputation and feelings. He comes to  
America to repeat his "Ten O'Clocks." His  
"Ten O'Clocks" are lectures, and he goes on  
the platform to deliver them at 10 o'clock at  
night, for eccentricity's sake, presumably.  
If Whistler comes here let it be hoped that  
his 10 o'clock will be changed to 8. We sit  
up too late as it is. He is original, and his  
affectations are the outcome of his original-  
ity, and if he comes to America people will  
make much of him, especially as he returns  
to his native country with the English trade-  
mark on him.

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