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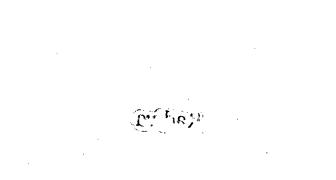


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Preface

Among the international discussions that focus on the new themes of cultural life which are the communication, conflict of cultures and dialogues among civilizations, this thesis attempts to discuss the national resistances that existed in both Egypt and Ireland at the beginning of the Twentieth century and upto the Twenties.

Actually, nations do respect each other, and that was clear in Egypt. The idea of Nationalism was deep inside every Egyptian before the coming of the French Expedition. The Egyptians wanted to idealize their past from the very beginning to introduce a typical national method to the world of modernization. At the same time, they were against condemning the other cultures. In some special cases, the (I) must versus the other when the latter one tries to abolish the entire local features of that I. This was the similar case that faced both nations after the long history of struggle that began years before the start of the Twentieth century. This thesis tries also to find similar features between the two nations on the land of creation.

In fact, these patriotic struggles were translated into many plays, poems, and novels. The Irish were the pioneers of the European Drama till the start of the Twentieth century. They gave their

national resistance a special taste and feelings. Besides, the Irish Dramatic Movement flourished when Yeats, Lady Gregory and the others participated by their own works that were especially dedicated for the Irish spectators. As for the Egyptians, censorship was quite critical, so a Dr. Aly Alraay certifies there was no dramatic plandedicated especially to the 1919 revolution. Alda Alsakil was the only example that was not played on stage.

In the realm of poetry, Shawky and Yeats was to best representative of dual attitude towards cle nationalism. In brief, the thesis proves that be poets were nationalists who suffered from dual in some cases.

In the last chapter, the public point of view very important to be displayed through the ar novel. Elizabeth Bowen and Twefik Alhakim we sharing the same feelings when their narrations spoke of the identity and dignity of the homelands. It was a long march for the write analyze and select these works that spoke fra of the patriotic marches for freedom.

Introduction

