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This work of Mr. Dobbs might well be looked upon as a reliable text-book on the Tain age, and throws more light upon that remarkable period than any one chronicle hitherto published.

Munster archæologists will find much upon the Curoi Saga and traditions in his account of the Clanna Dedad, demonstrating clearly the position held by that tribe during the Tain cycle as the leading family in the S.W. of Ireland. We are shown definitely their possessions, burial place, meeting place, all not far from Curoi's fort on Sliabh Mis, their encounters with opposing clans, their decay, and the rise of the Dal Cais two or three centuries later.

His next study, Coemgen, is no less important, who, though a scion of the Clan Dedad and a Kerryman, was connected intimately with Ulster

Amongst details of utility the account of Eochu Mac Luchta contains a confirmation of the legend of Lough Derg, and how that Eochaida put his finger under his eye, and gave it to the "hard merciless man, Athairne Ailgesacht," subsequently going to the stream to wash the blood from his face. "Then the King arose and pulled two handfuls of rush tails, so that the stream of clear water sprang up into his face, and both eyes returned to his head." Thus giving rise to the name Derg-derc, or Red Lough.

The section upon Chariot-burial in ancient Ireland is particularly attractive.

The author completes the volume with an accurate history of the wonderful Earthwork built to defend the North of Ireland against the South, designated the Black Pig's Dyke. This gives the opportunity to him to refer to the many points hitherto misunderstood regarding Medb's conduct of her campaign in the Tain Bo Cuailgne.

We cordially commend Mr. Dobb's book, fully convinced of its appraisement by students of Ireland.

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This number will be found to be of interest and utility to readers in general, as well as to the members of the County Louth Archæological Society. In this assurance, obviously in the front row of the several important items it contains, is the "Genesis of the Diocese of Clogher" by the Rev. N .I. Lawlor, D.D.

In spite of the author's hesitation to describe his article as satisfactory in consequence of unavoidable gaps in the narrative, I think we may say that this valuable paper is really a complete exposition of the subject, and deals fully with all the vicissitudes of that inconstant diocese. The addition of an extensive bibliography and proportionate appendix greatly add to the historic verity of the article.

Some Notes on Dundalk, by Rev. J. B. Leslie, M.A., and St. Mary's Abbey, Louth, by Rev. Thomas Gogarty are most scholarly papers, full of municipal and monastic story. Everyone concerned in these subjects must feel thankful to both writers for their success in illustrating facts but little known previously. The continued article on the Poets and Poetry of Kilkerly by the Rev. L. O. Murray, Le Came Street, and by Enda, Irish

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Annals by H. Morris, and the Louth Survey Letters, conclude a number which is of the habitual high rank of its predecessors, and may even be said to surpass them.

The Journal is presented in its usual attractive style.

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Meeting of the Council.

Monday, 18th March, 1918, in the Cork Library.

Colonel J. Grove White, C.M.G., D.L., President, in the chair. Members present—Rev. Professor Power, Daly Murray, M. Holland, T. Mahony, T. Farrington (Hon. Treasurer), C. Cremin, W. B. Lacy, G. M. Moore, Eaton W. Waters, M.D.; Rev. Precentor Webster, B.D.; John J. Fitzgerald, M.D.; G. O'C. Redmond, M.D.; Dr. P. G. Lee (Hon. Sec.).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Lord Barrymore, Colonel The O'Donovan, Sir Bertram C. A. Windle, and Major O'Connor.

Dr. Lee reported that since the last meeting of the Council Rev. Precentor Webster, Mr. Holland, Mr. Cremin, and he, had had two interviews with the City Engineer and the Town Clerk with reference to naming the places of historic interest in the City.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Farrington, read a statement of the financial position of the Society to present date. It was considered most satisfactory.

Rev. Professor Power suggested that it would be a useful measure to reprint the rules of the Society. This was ordered to be done.

It was decided, after discussion, to send out circulars asking for contributors in the areas formerly embraced by the Journals of the North Munster and Waterford Societies.

Mr. C. Cremin reported the destruction of a large Caher, tons of stones having been removed from it by a farmer.

It was decided to again refer to this matter at the Annual Meeting of the Society to be held in May.

It was decided to arrange for an excursion to take place on Whit Monday.

It was decided that Mr. Holland should consult the Council of the Cork Literary and Scientific Society as to the publication of the Crofton Croker MSS.

Rev. Precentor Webster to arrange as to the publication of the Will of Bishop Wyncheden, 1306, as of local importance and interest.

Dr. Redmond's paper on Mocollop Castle was approved, subject to some alterations, and ordered to be published in the *Journal.*

The President proposed, and it was unanimously carried:—"That we tender to Lady Blake and the members of his family our deep sympathy with them in the great loss they have sustained by the death of Sir Henry Blake, an esteemed member of our Council."

Votes of thanks were passed to the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer, to Mr. G. Moore for his care in the arrangement of the *Journal,* and to Messrs. Guy & Co. for its admirable production.

P. G. LEE, *Hon. Sec.*

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