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In September, 1592, he was tried by a special commission at Westminster, found guilty of high treason, and sentenced to death. Elizabeth refused to sign his death warrant, saying: "they are all knaves that condemn him." He, however, fell ill and died in the Tower the same year. His estates were not confiscated, and the Queen restored his honours.

In 1600, the astute Sir George Carew came as Lord President to Munster. He knew well how to take advantage of the feuds among Irish lords and chieftains. Of him, it is said, no such cruel and unknightly a ruler ever came to Ireland. Although nominally written by Thomas Stafford, Carew was the reputed author of "Pacata Hibernia." He was created Earl of Totnes by Charles I.

The headquarters of the Lord Presidents was Shandon Castle, in "the Great Cork of Munster."

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Notes and Queries.

The Bibliographical Society of Ireland.—We are glad to see from the Second Annual Report of the above Society that it now includes nearly all the most prominent book collectors and connoisseurs in Ireland, and as the scope of its work becomes better known, a further large accession of members may be expected.

The objects of the Society are (a) The promotion and encouragement of Irish Bibliographical studies and researches (b) The printing of works connected with Irish Bibliography and (c) The formation of an Irish Bibliographical Library.

Some very interesting contributions to Irish Bibliography by Mr. E. R. McC. Dix, M.R.I.A. (first President of the Society), and other members have been already published in the transactions of the Society, which are issued free to all members.

The annual subscription (5/-) should be sent by intending members to the Hon. Treasurer, W. E. A. Moore, Esq. M.A., Marsh's Library, Dublin, or to the Hon. Local Secretary for Co. Cork, Seamus O Casaide, M.A., B.L., M.R.I.A., Glounthaune, Cork, who is also the Provincial representative for Munster in the Committee of the Society.

Kilbrittain Castle completely destroyed by Fire.—"On Tuesday night or early on Wednesday morning the ancient and historic Castle of Kilbrittain was burned down. This magnificent building, which was situated on an eminence adjacent to the village of Kilbrittain, commanded an excellent view of the picturesque harbour of Courtmacsherry and the surrounding country, which for scenic beauty could scarcely be excelled. Centuries ago it was in the possession of the MacCarthy Reaghs, and subsequently was vested in the Stawells, the last occupants being Mr. and Mrs. Alcock-Stawell Riversdale. Some years ago it was sold to a Cork firm, Messrs. Reardon and Doyle, but has been vacant for some time, except a certain portion which was occupied by workmen. A large quantity of the timber on the estate has been cut down and exported, and last year timber lying at Burren Pier was thrown into the tide. An attempt was also made to destroy one of the waggons used for carting the timber, and at Clonakilty Quarter Sessions last June, Mr. Reardon was awarded compensation for criminal injury to the above mentioned property."—*Cork Constitution,* May 27th, 1920.

Nothing remains of this once stately pile except the walls and debris. The damage is estimated at about £100,000. It appears that on the night of the 24th, a party of men visited the castle, and ordering the occupants to leave, set fire to the place, with the devastating results above mentioned. No attempt was made to save the building. It is stated that a Belgian Religious Order was negociating for its purchase, but was warned not to interfere.

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