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to South Eastern & Waterford Archaeological Society, of which for a long period he acted as Hon. Secretary.

The late Dr. Redmond possessed a great charm of manner, gentle, courteous, and unassuming. Even though deprived of his sight by a chronic and painful illness, he took unflagging interest in the work of the Cork Historical & Archaeological Society. He was present at each meeting of the Council, and closely criticized the details of his son's paper, the "Military and Political Memoirs of the Redmond Family," current in the *Journal.*

Many of his writings bear testimony to his historical studies :—"An Historical Memoir of the Family of Poer (Power)," "The Family of Devereux, Co. Wexford," "The Fitzgeralds, of Farnane, Co. Waterford," "The Family of the Hall and the Hook, Co. Wexford," "Memoirs of Gabriel Rice Redmond, Inspector-General of Military Hospitals under Sir George Prevost in Canada, 1812-1831," "History and Topography of the Parish of Hook and the Tower of Hook," &c., &c.

The Cork Historical and Archaeological Society, in its aim to preserve records of the South of Ireland, and of the families connected with its history, looks upon the loss of a writer such as Dr. Redmond, as irremediable. Workers—each in his own individual sphere—are passing. Others do not come forward to occupy the empty spaces. We tender to Mrs. Redmond, and his family, our deep sympathy with them in their bereavement.

JAMES FRANKLIN FULLER, F.R.I.A., M.R.I.A., &c.

The Society has lost an old friend by the death of Mr. Fuller, which happened suddenly on December 8th, 1924, at his residence, 51, Eglinton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin. He had entered upon his 90th year, retaining his virility, powers of observation, critical insight, and strong memory to the very last hour. He was, as "The Liverpool Post and Mercury" truly said, "an octogenarian with the heart of a schoolboy." He attained to his wish expressed in that remarkable work of his, "Omniana" :—"I, for my part, would wish to live as long as my faculties remain clear, and I do not become physically a burden to relatives of a younger generation." He was thankful for the delay in the final summons, warming both hands before the fire of life, cheerily, contentedly, and gratefully. His contemporaries who loved him had passed, but new friends, amongst whom the writer had the honour to be numbered, constantly came to take the vacant places, and who now mourn the loss of a genial, sincere, and sympathetic companion. He possessed a mind characterized by constant interest in whatever he undertook, joined to a buoyant temperament and a capacity for untiring industry. It led him on to eminence in his architectural work, and more especially to his achievements in genealogical research, which of all branches of study requires the closest observation of facts and correct reasoning of them.

It does not come within our sphere to give particulars of his wide and varied work as an architect, except to note that for many years he filled the position of architect to the Representative Body of the Church of Ireland in succession to Mr. Carson, father of Lord Carson; also architect to the Benchers of Kings' Inn, and to the National Board of Education. Many secular and religious buildings were erected from his designs, such as the churches of Clane, Arthurstown, Killadease, Rattoo, Kylemore,

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Syddan, Rathdaire, and the mansions of Lord Ardilaun and Ventry; Harristown House, Kildare; Ballyburley House, King's County; Mount Falcon, Mayo; and others were also planned by him. Although he devoted much time to antiquarian, genealogical, and heraldic matters, he was in addition a writer of attractive fiction, of works such as "John Orlebar," "Doctor Quodlibet," "Chronicles of Westerly," as well as that exceedingly bright and humorous autobiography of an Irish octogenarian, "Omniana," which the "Daily Graphic" entitles, "a delightful armchair companion." Not the least worthy of his valuable papers on antiquarian subjects have been contributed to the "Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society" since the year 1903:—"Carden Terry," "Trial of Rowan Cashel for murder of Henry Arthur O'Connor, 1816," "Trial of Florence Newton for Witchcraft," "The To-Hell-or-Connaught-Act," "Exact Relation of Persecutions, Robberies, Losses, sustained by the Protestants of Killina, 1698," "Kinsale in 1641-1642," "Murphy Family of Newtown, near Bantry," "Fuller Pedigree," "An example of Trente deux Quartiers in Heraldry," "Cramer Pedigree," "Two Curates of Bandon," "Two Forgotten Kerrymen," "The Tones, Father and Son," &c., &c.

Mr. Fuller was married to a grand-daughter of General Gouvion, of Napoleon's Army. To her and Miss Fuller we tender our respectful sympathy.

PHILIP G. LEE.

Notes and Queries.

The Wreck of the Columbus, 1819.

I came across this account, in an old family scrap-book, of a one-hundred-year-old shipwreck, and consider it may be of interest to readers of the *Cork Archaeological Journal*.—Francis Joseph Bigger, Ardrigh.

LOSS OF THE GREAT AMERICAN TIMBER SHIP, COLUMBUS.

(From a Cork Paper of the 26th May, 1819.)

On Tuesday evening, the Dolphin, of Teignmouth, W. D. Dunley, master, arrived in our harbour, having on board the Captain (Daniel Nesbitt Munro) and crew, 73 in number, of the great American timber ship, the Columbus, about which so much was stated in the Papers on her arrival in England, from Quebec, with a Cargo of upwards of 3,900 tons of timber. This immense vessel sailed from the Downs on the 26th of April, in ballast, for St. John's (New Brunswick), with favourable weather until the 17th of May, in lat. 46. 54. N. long. 29. 2, when a dreadful storm arose, with the wind W.N.W., which occasioned the vessel to roll in such a tremendous manner, as to render her almost unmanageable. The gale commenced at an early hour of the morning, and continued without intermission until ten o'clock, when it was discovered that the vessel's timbers were opened, and that a leak was gaining on her at the rate of two feet per hour. All hands immediately went to the pumps; and notwithstanding that they had the assistance of a steam-engine of such power as would discharge at the rate of 1,400 gallons of water per minute, still they were unable to get it under. In this perilous position they descried a sail about a league and a half to windward, the first they had seen since they left England; they made signals of distress to her, when she bore down, and proved to be the Dolphin, bound to Newfoundland. Captain Munro having mentioned their distressed situation, requested that the other vessel should remain in company to afford them assistance—the Captain did so, and the crew of the Columbus redoubled their exertions, if possible, to save her, but to no effect; for, after being in this state for eight hours up to six p.m. she rolled so much, that the steam-engine was rendered unserviceable, and the pumps were choaked, there being from 14 to 16 feet of water in the hold. The Captain finding all attempts at saving her fruitless, then considered it necessary to consult their own safety, and accordingly put out the launch, with a quantity of provisions, to convey on board the Dolphin, but in a moment she was stoved to pieces against the ship's bow. Their situation now became truly alarming, as every moment they expected the vessel would founder, her timbers being so open. There only remained two boats, and these were launched, and in them they succeeded

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