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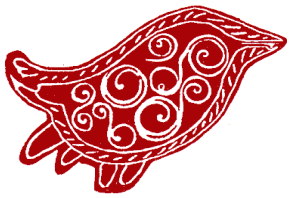

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have been in vain, but that his manuscripts may all be published to be a guidance and immediate assistance to successive generations of clergy and laity who desire to know the vicissitudes of clerical history comprised within the S.E. area of Ireland. They will find no better mentor and guide than the late Rev. William H. Rennison, when the ardent desire of his life's dedication shall meet with fulfilment.

The Succession List of the Bishops, Cathedral and Parochial Clergy of the Dioceses of Waterford and Lismore, from the earliest times, together with some hitherto unpublished records was published by subscription by Messrs. Croker of Waterford, 1921, which we had the honour to review in the *Journal*, Vol. XXVII, No. 126, July-Dec, 1921, page 91, is a lasting evidence to his mastery of compilation.

The completed MSS. of Joshua Boyle's Accompt of the Temporalities of the Bishopricks of Waterford copied from the original in the Public Record Office, Dublin, is being printed in the pages of the current *Journals* of the Society. As an accurate account of the state of the Church in 1641, its publication for general readers would be very valuable, as would also his manuscripts still unpublished on the clerical history of the Diocese of Waterford, the compilation of which occupied him for 15 years.

PHILIP G. LEE.

MR. WILLIAM O'BRIEN.

Mr. William O'Brien died in London on February 25th in the 75th year of his age.

By his demise the Society has lost a member whose life-long public services entitle him to a place in Irish history. During his strenuous career he was ever mindful of preserving the intellectual spirit of Ireland, and took an active and inspiring interest in its history, archaeology and art. He contributed to its literature a fascinating study of Irish life and character in his well known novel " When we were Boys," and several auto-biographical works relating to contemporary history. These works possess distinctive literary merit and reveal his ardent spirit and high character. Notwithstanding the vicissitudes of public affairs during the eventful period of his lifetime, Mr. O'Brien maintained a simple, genial, and kind-hearted disposition which endeared him to his many personal friends and enshrined his memory with affectionate respect in the hearts of his fellow countrymen.

M. H.

Note and Query.

The Clan Dermod MacCarthys.—On page 99 of the *Journal* for July-September, 1927 the following statement occurs :—" As mentioned in the *Cork Journal* by Mr. W. F. Butler, these two castles (Skeart and Baurgorm) belonged to the Clan Dermot MacCarthys, as evidently did Castle Dermot, as its name implies."

I have made no such statement. Skart and Baurgorm castles belonged to the Clan Teige Roe, a sept entirely distinct from the Clan Dermod of Carbery. Very copious details of both septs can be found in the late Judge Trant MacCarthy's work *The MacCarthys of Munster*.

As to the Clan Dermod, to which sept Castle Dermod near Berehaven belonged, they are entirely distinct from the two septs already mentioned.

Neither is it true that " From Donal Don's brother Finghin Raghna Reinor Florende of Ringroan" were descended the MacCarthys Reagh."

Irish family history is sufficiently complicated without introducing new sources of confusion.

W. F. BUTLER.

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