Reviews of Books.


In the last part of Volume LXX, Phyllis Richardson and Dorothy Lowry-Corry contribute a well-illustrated article on "Some further megalithic discoveries in the counties of Cavan and Leitrim." In "Mulhuddard and Cloughran-Hiddert," Rev. M. Ronan discusses the early foundations of these two prebends of St. Patrick's Cathedral and their later ecclesiastical history. Mr. Charles McNeil contributes short "Notes on Dublin Castle."

In the first part for 1941, Rev. M. Ronan describes five "Cross-in-circle stones of St. Patrick's Cathedral," none of which are even referred to in Mie. Henry's recent book on early Irish Christian Art. In "Megalithic Tombs in South-Eastern Ireland," Mr. T. G. E. Powell presents his outline material for a more complete study of this subject. His area includes Louth, Dublin, Wicklow, Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford, and Waterford, and his paper concludes with a valuable list of these tombs.

The second part contains a description of the excavation of "The Tamnyrankin Cairn: west structure," by Mr. Ivor Herring. The cairn contained an ante-chamber as well as two inner chambers, and produced many flints and potsherds. Dr. Raftery describes a bronze zoomorphic brooch and other objects, found recently at the Phosphate Mines at Doolin, County Clare, and now deposited in the National Museum. In the course of the description, he expresses dissatisfaction with Mr. Kilbride-Jones's minute dating of these objects. Both this and the two previous numbers contain continuations of the late Mr. Buckley's supplement on "Some Irish altar plate."

In Part three Mr. Liam Price contributes a well-illustrated article on "Glen-columbkille, County Donegal, and its early Christian Cross-slabs," which district, he states, contains as many ancient monuments as any other district of its size in Ireland. In an article on "The territory and people of Tethba," the district round Lough Rea, in Westmeath, by Miss Margaret E. Dobbs, there are references to incursions and a settlement made there by the Danes of Limerick. In "The Historical Content of the Cahermeal Ceallachain Chaisil," Fr. John Ryan completely debunks the alleged martial splendor of Callachain, King of Cashel, and attributes to him more raids on the Irish Monasteries than on the Norse Invaders.

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This journal continues its excellent "Writings on Irish History, 1939," a bibliography of all material of importance appearing in serial publications for that year. It also contains "The early interpretations of Poyning's Law, 1494-1534" by Dr. D. B. Quinn; "Strategy and tactics in Irish warfare, 1593-1601" by Dr. Hayes-McCoy; and; "The Government and the Church of Ireland under William III. and Anne," by Mr. J. C. Beckett.


In the first part of this volume (Nos. 1 & 2) the late Dr. Paul Walsh, in "Connacht in the Book of Rights," discusses the minor states of Connacht as they appear in that book. Dr. Raftery describes the second year's excavations, under his own supervision, of "The Tumulus-Cemetery of Carrowjames, Co. Mayo." This was a bronze age burial ground in use till about 450 A.D. In "The ancient law school of Park, Co. Galway," Dr. Thomas B. Costello gives a list of manuscripts written at Park, and concludes with a short account of the Egan family, brehons to the chiefs of Connacht and Munster, in the 18th century.

In the second part (Nos. 3 & 4) Mr. H. G. Leask describes the architectural details of "The Augustinian Abbey of St. Mary the Virgin, Cong, Co. Mayo," a useful addition to Mr. Duignan's article on the temporalities of the abbey, in an earlier number of the journal. Dr. Edmund Curtis edits a series of letters, including two genealogical charts, from Sir Edward Comyn, Bart, to H. F. Hore, County Wexford historian, in 1864, and
dealing with "The O'Maalconaire family." In "A Galway freedom box of 1771," Dr. Hayes-McCoy contributes a note on the freedom of Galway, and the journal ends with a continuation of "Galway Corporation, Ms.C." by Rev. J. Rabitte, S.J. This manuscript is a Common Council Minute Book for the year 1690, and a list of the various corporate oaths is appended.


The second part of this journal for 1940 contains an historical and architectural description of the Franciscan "Abbey" of Muckross, by Fr. Jennings and Mr. H. G. Leask, and is well illustrated. In "The Megalithic tombs of East Muskerry" Mr. P. J. Hartnett prints part only of what he calls "a comprehensive survey of the monuments of East Muskerry." This article also is generously illustrated with plates and plans. Fr. Power continues his survey of the "Place-names and antiquities of Imokilly" and Mr. J. T. Collins also continues his "Plants of Queen Elizabeth." As these are reprinted just as they appear in the Deputy-keeper's reports, and have received no kind of classification whatever, it is to be hoped a future index will render them more easy for reference. The journal also contains an article on the "Fortifications of Kinsale Harbour," by B. H. St. J. O'Neill.

The first part for 1941 is a number commemorative of the Founding of the Society in 1891, just one year before the foundation of our own "Limerick Field Club"; and the society deserves congratulation both on its 50th year of existence and the number commemorating it. There is an excellent paper on "Military service in medieval Ireland," by Professor Eoin MacNeill, and a lengthy survey, illustrated with portraits of "Three centuries of Irish chemists" by Deasmunhan O Raghallaigh. Of special interest to our own members will be the illustrated notes on "Sarsfield's House, Kilmallock," by Mr. H. G. Leask, and the "List of recent acquisitions in University College, Cork, Museum." This latter consists of some 30 prehistoric objects, no less than 27 of which were found in, and have been acquired from the County of Limerick.

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