

third class, and there is an indiscriminate mixing of the sexes; sea-sick women and half drunken drovers huddled together in any nook or corner where they can find room. Surely it is time this abominable state of things was done away with by the strong hand of the law. We made the passage in six hours.

THE ENTRANCE TO DUBLIN BAY

is magnificent, the Hill of Howth on the right, the watering places of Bray and Kingstown on the left, and in the background the high ridge of the Wicklow mountains. The sun had just risen and reflected in the blue waters of the bay; the dark brown mountains on both sides of the entrance, the villas and mansions of the gentry scattered here and there, made up a glorious scene, and one not easily forgotten. As we steamed up the Liffey we passed Poolbeg, the Pigeon-house fort, the historic shore of

CLONTARF,

the famous battle-field on which the Irish King Bryan Boiroimhe defeated the Danes, on Good Friday, 1034. On that memorable day 14,000 Danes fell, as well as the two sons of the King of Denmark, Gurth and Sitric. The Irish army also suffered severely, having lost 8,000 men, besides the heroic old king and his son, Prince Murroagha, or Morgan O'Brien, it is recorded of the Prince that his right arm was swollen from the continuous swinging of his axe. This action was one of the decisive battles of the world, as it destroyed for ever the Danish power in Ireland, but it paved the way for the Normans, as a number of aspirants to the throne sprang up, the royal line of the O'Brien's being nearly all killed at Clontarf, this weakened the Irish power on account of the contention for the sovereign authority which ensued.

The steamboat came alongside the quay at the North Wall, where we disembarked and very glad we were to do so, as myself, and the other third-class passengers were trembling with the cold. Dublin has been so often written about by tourists, newspaper correspondents and others, that it is unnecessary for me to say much about it, but as various people will see the same object from dif-