The Recent Investigations

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REPORT ON THE INVESTIGA-TION TO DETERMINE THE BUR-IAL PLACE OF ROBERT EMMET.

For a year or more previous to the centerary of Robert Emmet's death the writer was the recipient of a maker of communications from wideferent portions of the world, urg-

The writer had already made the stigation at Glasnevin, but had with so discourteous a response onvictions that I determined to act. omised assistance of Messrs. Bigger graveyard. and Quaid. Without further delay a ersonal application through them vas made by me, as the representaive of the family, early in the present year, to obtain the necessary ission for beginning the investiion at St. Peter's; and, as I re- sence of Messrs. Quaid, Fuller,

ige), and the other authorities hereter mentioned. At the beginning of the investigaion it became evident the examina- this space a vault, eight feet

in Mr. Quaid's hands, who inter-

arish Churchyard. egularly corresponded with me, of the Representative Church Body. the Rev. Mr. Mahaffy, and during his filling in the original stone steps were absence the valuable co-operation of cleared away, so that a depth was his assistant, the Rev. Mr. Robinson) Mr. Fuller received much facility The vault from the courteous Secretary of the Representative Church Body, Thomas

Before entering upon the report of

r details. At the close of the eighteenth centersected the plot by an oblique ourse from N. W. to S.E., taking a good portion of the length of e south wall, which was parallel to be north one. The church at that north one. The church at that occupied the middle third of the in the shape of a parallelogram extending east and west, with an additional exploration might be in acdition to the north of an incomplete cord with Dr. Madden's statement, ditransept, extending nearly to the north wall. At a later period and subsequent to 1860 a similar addition to the right of the church entrance, to the church was made southward to but nothing was found.

complete the shape of the cross. At The only conclusion to be drawn ingier street to Whitefriars street.

he last century, but was removed af-There exists no known map to in licate the exact locality of the Emnet family vault, and the only given by Dr. Richard R. Madden The Lives of the United Irish-," and in the second edition blished previous to 1860, Dr. Madrecords the death and burial of

seems to have been partially

built

ilt upon. In the southeast corner

od a watch or guardhouse

Aungier street and the alley

right hand of the entrance close to ever be found the final resting place the wall on the south side." If my of Robert Emmet will be demonstratmemory is correct it is stated in the ed. In a work just published by G. "Sham Squire" that the Emmet bur-P. Potnam and Sons, New York, ial place was in the southeast corner "Ireland Under English Rule, a Plea of the graveyard, which would have for the Plaintiff," I have detailed at been close to the rear of the old some length in the appendix my reaguardhouse, and the author of this sons for believing that Robert Em further records that the stone cover- brother, sister, and other relatives in ing inscription on it:

"Here lies the remains of ROBERT EMMET, Esq., M.D., Who died the 9th of December, 1802, In the 73rd year of his age.

that steps be taken to determine hearing the inscription, among the the Representative Church Body, the ing that steps be taken to determine headstones of the different graves, which were at that time laid in piles church-wardens. The charge of this along the walls of the yard. On inquiry it was ascertained that the Mr. Fuller, who had felt justified, on ttempt, in 1880, to begin such an completion of the transept to the the testimony collected by him, in south had been made a few years pre- the belief that this spot was the burviously, and, as all interments had jal place of Robert Emmet. the rector at that time as to then been prohibited by law, the sur-connection, through the Mason fam-ed age. r him unwilling to place him- face of the ground had been covered ily (of Kerry), of Robert Emmet's again in a false position. It hap- in from five to six feet with earth mother, Mr. Fuller long cared for by good fortune the writer was along Whitefriar's street to the level this grave which he had enclosed and winter in correspondence with of Aungier street. At the present covered with a marble slab bearing Francis Joseph Bigger, the edit- time the tomb and headstones, which only the inscription "September 20 The Ulster Archaeological Jour- the writer examined in 1880, and 1803." of Belfast, and other friends in which were then placed the one on and, and by them it was repre- the top of another, are now secured uninscribed grave was opened on Sat-After enclosing a portion of the

morning, July 6th last, in the preded in New York and Mr. Bigger in Rev. Mr. Robinson, the Assistant by request of Mr. Fuller, with the the fore and hind limbs, almost com-elfast, the work in detail was plac-Belfast, the work in detail was plac- Curate of St. Peter's Church; Mr. Robert Emmet, my son; and myself, ewed His Grace the Archbishop (the a wide trench was opened extending along the south wall of the graveyard Most Rev. Dr. Peacocke, His Grace's gal adviser, a distinguished Irish westward for twenty-eight feet, Church a skull, having a piece of these telonged to a man over six feet starting from where the back wall of long ion would be confined to three places and eight feet and a half wide, was vault, St. Peter's uncovered, besides two detached hurchyard; the uninscribed grave in graves bricked in as single vaults, St. Michan's Churchyard, which had which were not opened. The large vault occupied the supposed location ortion of the Irish people as the halof the Emmet burial place in the
wed spot; and, finally, to open the
southeast corner of the yeard close
the gate-house at Bully's Acre on the ninscribed grave in the Glasnevin to the south wall and about ten feet night of Emmet's execution. With a west from the remains of the founda-After some delay all obstacles were tion of the guardhouse. The excava- in this vault it was supposed the Rev. moved. Mr. Bigger's help as an tion was then extended from the un- Mr. Gamb e had deposited for some authority upon graveyards was most covered foundation of the guardhouse time Robert Emmet's body, the posportant at the beginning; the in- along the south wall until the line sibility suggested itself that this tigable energy of Mr. Quaid (who of the west wall of the new portion might be Emmet's skull which Dr. original surface of the ground after the skull could not have been that of In fact, I fully realize that without the head and foot stones, with some Robert Emmet. the earnest co-operation of this gen- of the coverings and of the vaults, leman difficulties, which were easily had been removed, and on this was overcome by his aid, might otherwise placed the earth used to fill in, the ert Emmet, who had a medical train- length, as it extended across ave been almost insurmountable. On depth increasing towards the west. report of these gentlemen it is but This uncovered vault projected above just tribute to acknowledge the the surface of the concrete, and its courtesy and consideration top was but a few inches below the of this skull, and our testimony howh by all in authority, from His present surface of the yard. It was opened at each end, to expedite the Grace the Archbishop, a distinguish-ed judge of the Irish Courts, the examination and to remove the neces-Church authorities of St. Peter's sity for disturbing the contents, and, (with the good wishes of the rector, in addition, the concrete and refuse

The vault contained four coffins, two of which were in a fair state of preservation; on two of these were coffin plates bearing different names, and from the dates it was thought that the examination made, the reader these bodies were among the last should gain a knowledge of some othwent into operation, and the conclusion was reached that this had been tury, the Emmet family of Dublin re- the receiving vault of the church. Afsided on Stephen's Green West, at ter a search of five days nothing was amh's Lane, near the corner of York found in connection with the Emmet street, adjoining the present College family. The vault was carefully closed; but before filling in the trench where the concrete had been removed, The parish church was at different points the ground beneath Peter's, fronting on Aungier's in every direction was sounded by According to a map used by means of an iron bar introduced to a The Wide Street Commissioners" be-depth of several feet. It was the ween 1790, and 1800, the plot of the opinion of all if another vault had churchyard may be described as a been below it would certainly have parallelogram, obliquely truncated on been found by this means, while in no he west boundary. Aungier street instance were the remains in any unning north and south, the north grave disturted or even reached by oundary being at a right angle, and the iron bar from above. It is proportending to Peter's row or White er to state that during the whole riars street, and this thoroughfare in- time of exploration either Mr. Quaid

> On the following day, after com-pleting the search first undertaken, Mr. Robert Emmet, thinking an adrected that another trench be extend-

time outside the south wall of from this investigation is that, if e yard extended Church alley, from other vaults were formerly situated in this portion of the churchyard, the tops, with a portion of the side walls must have been broken down and the vaults then filled in. The broad stone which Dr. Madden described as coverover the church property to the depth of twenty-two feet, and this building was in use before the beginning of the vaults or it certainly would have been found by means of the iron har, and as a proof of this supposi tion one large flat stone with the inscription perfect and portions of broken ones were found which had been used to fill in with. The large flat stone so discovered may be seen resting against the south wall of the

churchyard near the street. The earnest effort to find the Em-Robert Emmet as follows: "Dr. met vault in St. Peter's churchyard was not pursued simply for the purpose of determining the site, however gratifying such a result might have been, but in the firm belief that if it

the family burial place, but to enter on any consideration of this subject would be out of place here.

At my request Mr. Fuller took charge of my application to make the exploration in St. Michan's Church yard, and on his report I beg to ac knowledge my thanks for the courtesy In 1880, the writer was unable to and promptness with which the need find either the vault or the covering, ed permission was again granted by

After my departure from Dublin this ented the difficulties claimed to ex- upright against the outer walls of urday, August 3rd, 1903, in the prewere in all probability exaggeratIn addition, Mr. David A. few laid on the surface of the ground Churchwardens of the church, and Quaid, a solicitor, of Dublin, pre- at random, for there exists no guide others. Before the excavation had H. Ormsby, President of the Royal pented me at the time with a copy of his admirable work, "Robert Emeted," in which he presents an accum
to indicate their proper position with any relation to the old graves or tombs. Dr. Madden described the College of Surgeons, Dublin, attendation to the churchyard of St. tion of new evidence to show that stone which covered the Emmet vault ed, and to him was submitted for ex- Michan's, Dublin, I went there at 5 you would grasp the situation withmmet's remains were at some time as a large flat one, and, as it was amination the remains here found, af- p.m. on the 4th August, 1903, and in aced in the family vault, St. Peter's hot found among those said to be all ter they had been photographed by his and in the presence of two other hurchyard, Dublin. This new evidence was so in accord with my own thought in 1880 that the tomb had was decided best to obtain the serbeen simply covered in with the earth vices of Professor Alec Fraser in ad- latter, though separate, belonged to own, twice purchased." This decision was hastened by the used for levelling the surface of the dition, before the examination was the same head. From the absorption southeast section of St. Peter's tlemen attended and their conclusion of the cranial sutures, and from other Churchyard by a high board fence was so readily reached that the re- characteristics, there was no diffi-(facing the street and also at the mains were soon replaced, the grave culty in deciding that these belonged back), at an early hour on Monday refilled, and the original uninscribed to the head of an aged male. stone was put back in the same place neath.

the demolished old watch-house fac-ing the street would have been. In many, I think without sufficient ed to a female skeleton, and also was turned out of my -stepfather's grounds, trie had carried Emmet's head away animal. to take a plaster cast, and that Petrie did not return with it until after the coffin containing the body concluding that it also was from had been removed by the Rev. Mr. knowledge of this tradition and that

of these gentlemen my son, Mr. Robing, and I, had reached the same conclusion from a careful inspection of

offered in corroboration. The following reports I have received from these gentlemen, and I wish to express my sincere thanks, not only for the personal favor, but for the great service rendered by them to reached nearly to the level of the tion that this uninscribed grave, so does not contain the body of Robert

Emmet: "Report on the skeleton and other bones submitted to me for Inspect-Dublin, by Mr. J. F. Fuller, F.S.A., Architect, and Mr. David A. Quaid, Solicitor, August 3rd, 1903.

"On Monday, August 3rd, I met by appointment at 4.20 p.m. both the above-mentioned gentlemen, and they submitted to me for my inspection and opinion several human bones taken out of a grave which was alleged to be that of Robert Emmet, who it was alleged was placed in this grave

some time in the year 1803. same person. In addition to these bones, and which were found in the same grave, were portions of a parietal bone of the skull of a young child, to the above two gentlemen that I would far prefer before I gave a definite contains a description of the contains a descripti finite opinion and report in writing found in the grave removed therefrom and placed in order on a flat slab, so to have every bone that could be and placed in order on a flat slab, so that I could examine the skeleton as a whole, and then compare accurate ly each bone separately of the skeleton submitted. Accordingly on Tuesday, August 4th, at the hour of 5 o'clock I again attended at Saint Michan's Churchvard, being accompanied by Professor Alec Fraser, F. R. C. S., Professor of Anatomy, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, in order that he should act with me in this important and farreaching investigation. We then carefully examned the skull, lower jaw, vertebrae, and long bones of the limbs taken out of the grave and laid out in order as great disappointment in many redirected by me, and we had no hesi- respects, but as a whole the investitation in saying that the skeleton belonged to an old man, and one who and I am well satisfied that every efmust have been at least six feet in fort has been made to obtain a sucheight, and, therefore, could not possibly have belonged to Robert Emof St. Peter's are increased, but the met, who was a young man of short stature. I am, therefore, of opinion that Robert Emmet could not have been interred in this particular grave been interred in this particula sibly have belonged to Robert in St. Michan's Churchyard. I also ment or correspondence may be certify that another skull was sub-brought to light by which positive incertify that another skull was sub-mitted to me, which, I was informed, was found in the vault under St. Michan's Church by itself, and for the

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work probable made the statement net's body was finally placed with from his own knowledge, Dr. Madden the remains of his father, mother,

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same anatomical reasons already stated I adjudge that the individual to whom it belonged died at an advanc-

LAMBERT H. ORMSBY, M.D. R.C.S., Kt., President Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland. August 12th, 1903.

Report of Professor Alec Fraser, Professor of Anatomy, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Having been asked by Sir Lambert

made, and, in accord with this agree- of the alveolar raches of the upper ment, on the following day these gen- jaw bones, the partial disappearance

Second-Spread out on a slab it had occupied so many years; but, seen the bones of the trunk, and of termining from the length of the long Mr. Fuller had also discovered in and the size of the trunk bones, as the receiving vault under St. Michan's well as from other features, that crape tied around it to hide the eye in height. There were also seen here O'Brien. That is why I asked you to that the elder Pe- some bones from the skeleton of an

Third-A second skull was examined, and there was little difficulty in

(Signed), ALEC FRASER, Professor of Anatomy, Royal College of Surgeous, Ireland. August 22nd, 1903.

Recently the supposed grave Mr. J. F. Fuller) advanced the across nearly to the south wall of history had placed there. On being ish Churchyard has been built upon by that as he was a father too me in undertaking in detail; and, finally, the church. This exposed a concrete submitted, however, to the judgment enlarging the chancel to within a foot success was achieved by the co-operation of Mr. J. F. Fuller, the architect thick, which had been laid over the tlemen it was decided at once that stone.

Before the reception of the reports willing to grant permission for open- had for the first time in his life ing this supposed grave to the the photographs sent us by Mr. Quaid stone was placed to indicate the head tended his hand to his unconscious is and direction of the grave.

Mr. Quaid and Mr. Fuller arranged

an exploration within the limits per-

mitted by the authorities. Mr. Quaid was present during the excavations, which were of the depth of six feet. No remains whatever were found. I better so," he told himself afterward. the public in determining beyond ques- have no faith in the claim that Rob- "I am too old, too world-worn for ert Emmet was buried at Glasnevin, her. And he is manly and plucky and long cherished as the hallowed spot, but I regard the restricted explora-steadfast. Yes; it is better so." tion as being too incomplete to be Mary Cross, in Irish Catholic. accepted of itself as a final settle-ment of the question. Fortunately, bones submitted to me for Inspection in Saint Michan's Churchyard, in New York an original letter written previous to 1880 by the Rev. Mr. Carroll, the former Rector, to Dr. Madden, in which he states distinctly that when he was placed in charge of the parish he attempted to clean up the graveyard, which had been open and neglected for years. A number of headstones had fallen and had up wherever he found space, and this particular uninscribed stone, which has for years been supposed to mark "The skull that was submitted to me I immediately stated was the skull belonging to an aged man, and could not have been that of Robert Emmet, who had not reached his 25th year. The lower jaw fitted the skull and in my opinion belonged to mark the grave of Emmet, he claims he placed there himself, "having found it in a path nearly in front of the church." This letter was given to me by Dr. Madden just before his good in my opinion belonged to mark the grave of Emmet, he claims he placed there himself, "having found it is a path nearly in front of the church." This letter was given to me by Dr. Madden just before his death with other papers connected and, in my opinion, belonged to the death with other papers connected 1880, and he had evidently forgotten its existence. I made at the time but a casual examination of the contents which seemed to relate to an had forgotten the circumstance until this letter was accidentally found by me just before leaving home, among

not consider the letter of any special weight at the time. On my return, if the examination at Glasnevin has not been completed, I will send a copy of this letter for publication, that the statement of the Rev. Mr. Carroll may be taken for what it is worth, For myself, while I have no pleasant recollection of his courtesy, I have too much respect for his calling to

doubt his veracity. In conclusion I can but express my gation has not been without profit,

formation may be obtained as to the final resting place of Robert Emmet THOS. ADDIS EMMET, M. D.

A HASTY JUDGMENT

(Continued from page 6.)

my young niece express her preference for hard cash, and her doubt about. finding a purchaser; so I thought I would help her out of the difficulty. If she hadn't been in such a hurry to accuse the absent, she would have discovered my cheque in the box in place of the trinket. Your stall will not lose by the transaction.

"I consider that you have played 14 VICTORIA ST me a very mean trick," said Nancy, Phone: Office Main 592. hotly.

"I might have given you the check openly, I admit, but I had some vague idea of sparing your feelings. And I thought that on finding the cheque out a verbal explanation, and be "Really, Edward, you can be most

offensive,' said Mrs. Wilson, violently fanning herself. "Then I will try to be pleasant. By way of beginning let me congratulate

you on your son's immediate prospect of becoming engaged to my heiress. "What?" she half screamed. "That-what I have said. All my worldly goods will one day be Miss O'Brien's, and part of them on her marriage, in payment of an old debt. If there is any good in me, if I have perseveredand prospered, the thanks, humanly speaking, are due to James house on a false accusation, and,

friendless, penniless, under a cloud as I was, James O'Brien sheltered me, believed in me, made a man of me. When I decided to leave England, he al- paid my passage to New York and gave me my start in life. Though we lost sight of each other, I never forgot what I owed him. I returned with one object and aim-to find him and prove my gratitude. I learned that in old age he had fallen on evil timesthat life meant pinching and struggling for him and his. Thank God, it my power to say that he shall never know another anxious hour; my necessity, so shall I be a son to

him in his. It is my turn to help that is all." Through fear of injury to this It was not quite all. He did not building the authorities have been un- say that on meeting Nellie O'Brien he known what it was to love a woman. the He did not say what sweet hopes had pathway nearly to the dormer lear died, what bright dreams had been wall of the church, if the unipscribed broken by Bernard's success. He exyoung rival, without a trace of bit-

terness. "Good luck to you Bernard! If you are not happy with her, you deserve to be wretched. But I think you are of the right stuff," he said. "It is

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