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complete ignorance of Irish spirit and of Irish opinion.

"If the German professor, who has known England and Ireland intimately for thirty years, can talk such nonsense what must be the state of mind of the ordinary German citizen? Incidentally, the speech is considered to be a blow at the favorite doctrine of the Gaelic enthusiasts, that a profound and exact appreciation of Irish life of character may be acquired only through the medium of the Irish language."

Prof. Meyer, who is teacher of Celtic languages at the University of Berlin, was one of the speakers at the gathering of Irish and German citizens at Terrace Garden on December 17. At that time he said Harvard University had refused to permit him to deliver a lecture there on Celtic literature, because the president Dr. Lowell. because the president, Dr. Lowell, thought it was an attack on England. He said the great mass of Irishmen

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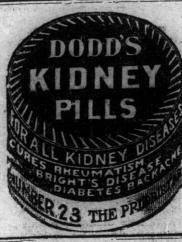
(From our own correspondent.)

Christmas day

Miss Disher is spending her holidays at her home in Burford. Mr. Young is spending his holidays at his home in Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Slaght entertained their children and grandchildren on Christmas day.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kitchen spent Christmas day with her parents in

The annual Christmas tree, which was held here on Tuesday evening lats was a decided success. The proceeds amounted to \$28.25.



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while in the third she was a French widow, it was hard to know the truth. Already the army had been gone a month, but news of it came daily to the town, and such news as all men could read, for through the landward

(From our own correspondent.)

The Christmas guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Barber and son, Henry, of Boston, at Mr. William Smith's; Mr and Mrs. A. Forrest and family of Hagersville at Mr. Robert Hager's; Misses Lottiee and Anni King at Mr. Field's.

Mrs. Slaght, Harry and Naomi spent Christmas at Waterford; Mrs. Laverne Fields at Burford; Mrs. Laverne Fields at Burford; Mrs. King, Miss Grace and Mr. Albert King at Hagersville; Mr. and Mrs. S. Nelles and family at Waterford on Christmas day.

wars England alone was face to face with France alone. There is glory and to spare without trifling with the truth. Two Provinces in France, both rich and warlike, had become English through a royal marriage and both rich and warlike, had become English through a royal marriage, and these, Guienne and Gascony, furnished many of the most valiant soldiers under the island flag. So poor a country as England could not afford to keep a great force overseas, and so must needs have lost the war with France through want of power to uphold the struggle. The feudal system enabled an army to be drawn rapidly together with small expense, but at the end of a few weeks it dispersed again as swiftly, and only by a well-filled money-chest could it be held together. There was no such chest in England, and the King was forever at his wits' end how to keep

forever at his wits' end how to keep his men in the field. But Guienne and Gascony were full of knights and squires who were al-ways ready to assemble from their isolated castles for a raid into France,

ways ready to assemble from their isolated castles for a raid into France, and these with the addition of those English cavaliers who fought for honor, and a few thousand of the formidable archers, hired for fourpence a day, made an army with which a short campaign could be carried on. Such were the materials of the Prince's force, some eight thousand strong, who were now riding in a great circle through Southers France, leaving a broad wale of blackened and ruined country behind them.

But France, even with her southwestern corner in English hands, was still a very warlike power, far richer and more populous than her rival. Single Provinces were so great that they were stronger than many a kingdom. Normandy in the north, Burgundy in the east, Brittany in the west and Languedoc in the southwere each capable of fitting out a great army of their own. Therefore the brave and spirited John, watching from Paris this insolent raid into his dominions, sent messengers in hot haste to all these great feudatories as well as to Lorraine, Picardy, Auvergne, Hainault, Vermandois, Champagne, and to the German mercenaries over his eastern border, bidding all of them to ride hard, with bloody spur, day and night, until they should gather to a head at bloody spur, day and night, until they should gather to a head at Chartres.

Chartres.

There a great army had assembled early in September, whilst the Prince, all unconscious of its presence sacked towns and besieged castles from Bourges to Issodun, passing Romorautin, and so onward to Vierzon and to Tours. From week to week there were merry skirmishes at barriers, brisk assaults of fortresses in which much honor was won, knightly meetings with detached parties of Frenchmen and occasional spear-runnings where noble champions deigned to

And then, then at last, when all hope was well-nigh dead in his heart there came one glorious July morning which brought a horseman bearing a letter to the Castle of Vannes, of which Nigel now was sensendal, it contained but few words, short and clear as the call of a wat-trumpet. It was Chandos who wrote. He needed his Squire at his side, for his pennon was in the breeze once more. He was at Bordeaux. The Prince was starting at mone for Bergerac, whence he would make a great raid into France. It would not end without a bate, and the short of his father's sondal left, then let him follow after with all speed. Chandos had breed the summer sun shine brighter and the summer sun shine brighter and the summer sun shine brighter and the blue sky seem of a still fairer blue upon that happy morning in Vannes of Bordeaux. Coastle blow north when the last was alive and the word opinion of the sea than the great yellow horse, and he whinnied to lead Pommers down the gangplanks. Not Aylward himself had a worse opinion of the sea than the great yellow horse, and he whinnied to lead Pommers down the gangplanks. Not Aylward himself had a worse opinion of the sea than the great yellow horse, and he whinnied to lead Pommers down the gangplanks. Not Aylward himself had a worse opinion of the sea than the great yellow horse, and he whinnied to lead Pommers down the gangplanks. Not Aylward himself had a worse opinion of the sea than the great yellow horse, and he whinnied to lead a Pommers down the gangplanks. Not Aylward himself had a worse opinion of the sea than the great yellow horse, and he whinnied to lead a Pommers down the gangplanks. Not Aylward himself had a worse opinion of the sea than the great yellow horse, and he whinnied to lead a Pommers down the gangplanks. Not Aylward himself had a worse opinion of the sea than the great yellow horse, and he whinnied to lead a pommer shoulder it was the dead of the propose of the propose of the group of the propose of the propose of the group of the propose of the propose of the

of French in all directions, but too eager to reach the army to ease their march in the search of adventures.

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Then at last after passing Lusignan they began to come in touch with English foragers, mounted bowmen for the most part, who were endeavoring to collect supplies either for the army or for themselves. From them Nigel learned that the Prince, with Chandos ever at his side, was hastening south and might be met within a short day's march. As he still advanced these English stragglers became more and more numerous, until at last he overtook a considerable column of archers moving in the same

column of archers moving in the same direction as his own party. These were men whose horses had failed them and who had therefore been left behind on the advance, but were now behind on the advance, but were now hastening to be in time for the impending battle. A crowd of peasant girls accompanied them upon their march, and a whole train of laden mules were led beside them.

Nigel and his little troop of menatarms were riding past the archers when Black Simon with a sudden exclamation touched his leader upon the arm.

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