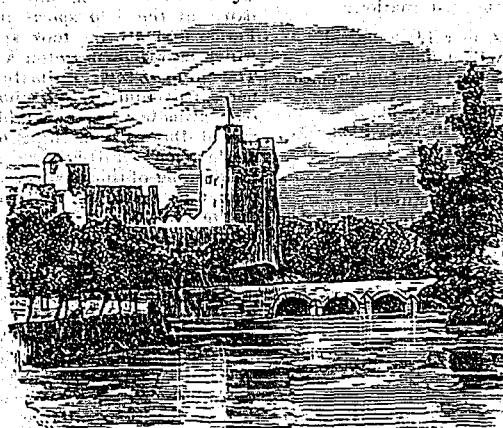


embarked on board the "City of Chester" for home again. We will allow "a pilgrim" to speak—"Hundreds of friends, came as far as Queenstown to wish us God speed and bon voyage across the Atlantic. The parting from friends, was cordial, yet a little melancholy. Fathers Sheehy and Dowling sang "Home sweet Home!" Handkerchiefs waved, a hearty cheer went up, and amidst prayers and good wishes, the good ship City of Chester, sailed majestically and very soon left the shore of Green Erin looming misty but beautiful on our weather-bow." New York was reached after a pleasant trip, and our Pilgrims, with their loved Pastor at their head, was greeted by representatives of the National Societies in Montreal. No delay was made, in that city, and after an absence of four months and some odd days, our friends Home again. The splendid triumphal procession which met them, needs no words of ours to recall it to our reader's memory.

Never before was so truly sincere a demonstration seen in the streets of Montreal. Thousands lined every place where the cortege passed, fireworks and illuminations were the order of the day; in a word it was a heart whole Irish welcome tendered by Catholics to the Pastor, of their church. A pleasant epilogue to the pilgrimage was the presentation of an address accompanied by an oil painting of himself, to the Rev. Father Dowd, by the officers and members of the St. Patrick's National Association. The venerable recipient responded in a most appropriate manner. Thus ended the Pilgrimage, but for long time yet, the many souvenirs it awakened in the minds of every Catholic in the world, will live bright and verdant when, probably, the "grand Old Man," in whose honor it was held, will have left his earthly prison, for his immortal home in Heaven.



CAHIR CASTLE.

Cahir Castle stands on the Suir near the town of Cahir, which in former times it protected. It is said to occupy the site of a structure of the remotest antiquity, one of the old earthen forts or duns which are so common in Ireland.

The castle, which is of considerable extent, but irregular outlines, consists of a great square keep, surrounded by extensive outworks, forming an outer and inner baillum, these outworks being flanked by seven towers, four of which are circular, and three of larger size square. Cahir Castle has often been mentioned in Irish history. It was besieged and taken by the Earl of Essex in 1599, and again by Cromwell in 1650.

**LADIES ON HORSEBACK.**—Riding on horseback is a useful as well as graceful means of exercise too much neglected by young ladies. A canter for a few miles is a most admirable prompter of female beauty and

health. The cheeks, the eyes, lips, and every feature of the fair (questrian, when she dismounts, possess the fresh and sparkling grace which is one of the most important requisites in feminine loveliness, and which can be imparted only by the purity of the blood and its brisk and equal circulation, which are produced by temperature and exercise. The pale, sickly languid countenance of that lady whose hours of leisure have been passed without occupation within her chamber, or in listlessly lounging upon a sofa or couch, may present attractions to such as have selected their standard of beauty from among the victims of a round of fashionable dissipation; but every man of sense and genuine taste will prefer the ruddy glow of health, the active, agile step, and exuberant gaiety of her who is accustomed to spend some time every day in active exercise, on foot or on horseback, in the open air.