

in sight in the offing, on which the yacht immediately bore down and boarded her. The steamer (as did also the yacht) carried colours half mast high. She was, when hailed by the yacht, steering direct for Kingstown Harbour, but on being boarded by Mr. John O'Connell changed her course and headed up the bay, taking the Nimrod in tow. As the flotilla neared and passed the harbour of Kingstown, all the vessels at anchor there hoisted their colours and instantly lowered them half mast high. Signal guns were fired from the steamer, which were answered from the harbour. The Nimrod on approaching the Duchess of Kent, in addition to lowering her flag gave the usual naval mourning salute, firing minute guns to the number of seventy one, corresponding with the years of the illustrious deceased. As the Duchess of Kent proceeded at half speed up the bay, she was met and boarded by Mr Maurice O'Connell, Mr Morgan O'Connell, the Right Rev. Dr. Whelan, the Very Rev. Dr. Yore, and several of the relatives and friends of the illustrious Liberator who were on board.

#### THE ARRAN CASTLE.

At one o'clock precisely this vessel which had been placed at the disposal of the family and friends of the Liberator for this melancholy occasion by our enterprising and patriotic fellow citizen, Mr James Fagan, started from her moorings at Sir John Rogerson's Quay, having on board Maurice O'Connell and Morgan O'Connell, Esqrs., the eldest and second sons of the Liberator; the Right Rev Doctor Whelan, the Very Rev Dr Yore, V.G.; James O'Connell, Esq.; Lakeview, brother to the deceased; Christopher Fitzgibbon, son in law; Charles O'Connell, R.M.; Maurice James O'Connell, Daniel James O'Connell, Daniel Moynahan, Esqrs., nephews of the deceased; ——— Ryan, Esq.; James Fagan, Esq., and Dr. Gray. Among those who accompanied the Messrs. O'Connell when embarking was P. V. Fitzpatrick, Esq., who on seeing them on board, returned to town to await the arrival of the remains.

The steam being put fully on, the little bark made rapid progress, and in less than ten minutes the Duchess of Kent was in full view, having Mr John O'Connell's yacht in tow, lying off Kingstown and Howth. The Duchess of Kent was at once recognised by her bearing the usual mourning insignia. From the fore-topmast floated the green burgee with the Irish harp. The union jack hung from the peak, and the red ensign at the mainmast all half mast high. On the "Arran Castle" nearing the larger steamer, we could discern the temporary chapel erected on the quarter deck, with the sad plumes waving over it, indicating that in that spot lay the mortal remains of him who liberated the land he found in serfdom, and gave to Ireland

immortality and an abiding place in the annals of liberty's struggles. A few moments more—half past one o'clock—and the Arran Castle was within speaking distance, but not a word was uttered on either deck. Even the captain impressed with the scene before him, gave his directions by signal.—All on board the Arran Castle, stood on deck uncovered, whilst she slowly passed round the stern of the Duchess of Kent, and was hauled to along side.

Mr. Daniel O'Connell stood at the gangway to receive his brothers, and the relatives and friends who accompanied them. Mr. John O'Connell stood at his side, having as we have already mentioned boarded the steamer in the offing at an early hour in the morning; behind them stood the Liberator's servant, whom the Very Rev. Dr. Miley well designated—"the faithful Duggan"—the little chapel filled the back ground, the other persons on board standing apart uncovered.

Mr. Maurice O'Connell was the first that entered the vessel—but we must not even attempt to describe the scene that followed the meeting of the brothers on this touching and solemn occasion.—There are things too sacred to be held up to public view, yet, we cannot refrain from stating that the impression left on the minds of those who witnessed this affecting incident, was such as will never be effaced. Mr. Morgan O'Connell and the other members of the family followed. The friends of the Liberator who accompanied them in the Arran Castle, remained for some few minutes after them the Right Rev Prelate Dr Yore, and the other friends having boarded the Duchess of Kent, proceeded to the entrance of

#### THE SEA CHAPEL.

Within this consecrated spot, and the dread presence of the mortal part of him who, ever grateful for kindness, was wont to acknowledge the devoted friendship and assiduous attention of his kind and thoughtful chaplain and friend, it was, that the Very Rev. Dr. Miley resolved first to meet the sons of the Liberator, and hand over to their filial care the precious treasure, which in company with the younger son, he tended whilst living, and watched in death. The sea chapel, most appropriately so designated by the Rev. Dr. Miley, was erected on the quarter deck of the Duchess of Kent, under the direction of Mr. Mullen, of Liverpool, and was fitted up with much elegance, and exhibited (although a temporary structure) great firmness of make, evincing a desire on the part of the constructor to make it every way worthy of the remains enshrined within it. The details of its furnishing and ornament interiorly were marked by exquisite taste and chasteness of design. This temple in miniature occupied a space of about ten feet square; its height was nine feet, the roof tapering to the centre. Over a strong