

Ireland, either as invaders or immigrants. The Spanish connection and intercourse have left enduring traces in the West. On the East coast the Dane has made his mark. Within the Ancient Pale, which included Dublin, and in parts of Tipperary, all racial results of English settlement have not been lost. In Ulster, especially in the North Eastern counties, it is evident where the ancestors of the people came from, and these are only some of the more recent examples out of many that might be cited. The names Fitzpatrick, Fitzgerald and De La Poer tell their own tale of Norman French invasion from England. In more remote times tradition and ancient records speak of many races that at various periods settled on the coast and spread into the interior, replacing the earlier occupants, or becoming amalgamated with them. But whether Ireland is a Nation or not, it certainly is a country, and though its inhabitants are of various or mixed descent, they are assuredly a people. The land has in some mysterious way claimed them all as her own, and their offspring as her children, so that without exception, Irishmen born and brought up in the country, are equally distinctively and characteristically Irish, just as