

IRISH VICE-ROYALTY.

The History, Character and Etiquette of the Office.

How the Lord Lieutenant is inducted. He is kept busy visiting the young Irish nobles. The St. Patrick's Night Ball—Fun and Follies.

Special interest just now attaches to the Irish Lord Lieutenant. Lord Castelnau has made it quite popular and after him it may not exist. The following description of the office from the Freeman's Journal is very readable.

The city during Horse Show week is, as usual, crowded with visitors in the pursuit of pleasure. Thousands of them, bent on "seeing the sights" or visiting the many places in the metropolis...

DUBLIN CASTLE.

The visitor who sees Dublin Castle for the first time is bound to be sorely disappointed, if he be at all entwined with the historical imagination. The buildings lie on the slope of Cork Hill, hidden away on the south side of Dame Street...

THE ONE ANTIQUE PORCH.

The present unpretentious buildings were mainly erected early in the eighteenth century. The broad low porch fronting the gateway is the entrance to the State Departments, which occupy the entire western wing of the courtyard.

INDUCTION OF A VICE-ROY.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland fills two parts which are supposed to be absolutely distinct, though they seem quite incompatible. He is the representative of the Constitutional Sovereign, who is above Party, and he is at the same time a member of the Government of the day by whom he is appointed and with whom he goes out of office.

The peer who has been appointed to the office arrives quietly in Dublin on the day appointed for the induction, and turns up at the Castle about noon. The ceremony takes place in the Privy Council Chamber. In the centre of the room is a large table covered with red baize...

An imposing procession presently on its way to the Chamber. The carriage is preceded by a military band, and the Vice-roy is followed by the more soberly attired officials of the Vice-royal Household.

THE SWORD OF STATE.

The Privy Councillors remain seated at the table, still wearing their hats, and the Vice-roy enters the Chamber. The Lord Justices take their seats at the top of the table. The new Lord Lieutenant stands to the right with uncovered head. He produces the Letters Patent of Her Majesty appointing him Vice-roy of Ireland.

GRAND MASTER OF THE ORDER OF ST. PATRICK.

The collar and insignia of the Grand Master of the Illustrious Order of St. Patrick are laid out on a cushion on the table surrounded by the Privy Councillors. Sky blue is the colour of the Order. It was also the national color of Ireland till towards the end of the eighteenth century.

attended by military escorts with bands through streets gaily decked with flags, lined by soldiers and crowded with spectators. But that is a quaint very familiar to the citizens of Dublin.

VICEROYAL ETHICS.

The Lord Lieutenant's residence in Dublin is a large, comfortable, and well-furnished house. It is situated in the Phoenix Park, and is one of the finest residences in the city. The Vice-roy is generally traceable to a common source—impure blood and impure blood stains in the digestive organs.

A DRAWSINGROOM.

The presentation of the Vice-roy at the Castle or Vice-royal Lodge needs to be an event at the Castle. There is a Court Circular in which the names of the guests staying at the Castle, and of those who have the honor of being included in the Vice-royal dinner.

THE VICE-ROY'S KISS.

Each debutante carries in her hand a card on which her name is written. This she hands to an usher at the door of the Throne Room. The next minute must be a very trying one to the young lady. For weeks she has been practising curtseying at home, and no doubt it was the last thing she did, arrayed in her silks and her train extending many a yard, before setting out for the Castle.

ST. PATRICK'S HALL.

Meanwhile, the guests invited to the ball have assembled in St. Patrick's Hall. It is the only room in the Castle with anything like real pretensions to splendour. Like most of the State apartments it is decorated in white and gold.



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and beside it to the right, a low arm chair for his consort. Scarlet tiers of seats also extend along each side of the hall. The ceiling is decorated with three pictures, painted by an Italian named Vincenzo da Valerio, in 1783, the year in which the Order of St. Patrick was founded.

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