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SUPPLEMENT

CONTAINING A CONTINUATION OF APPOINTMENTS UP TO THE
DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
ON DECEMBER 31, 1870.

COLLATED WITH THE ORIGINAL DIOCESAN REGISTERS BY

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P R E F A C E .

FROM the peculiar circumstances under which this Supplement appears, it seems necessary to offer a few general remarks upon the Fasti, and the occasion and mode of its compilation :—

When first I perceived, with some surprise, that no collected notices of Cathedral appointments in the Church of Ireland existed, with the exception of the very important and valuable work of Sir James Ware, which is confined entirely to the *Prelates*, I resolved to make an attempt to remedy the deficiency as opportunities might arise ; and I thought that such a work, if carefully and accurately compiled, was due and might be acceptable to the Irish Church, which had most kindly received, and liberally endowed me. For that purpose I made it my business to travel to every Diocesan Registry throughout Ireland, and by leave of the several Bishops was enabled to examine all the books of Titles, &c., remaining in those offices, and extract from them such particulars as might suit my purpose.

I also obtained permission from the Government to make transcripts from the public records in such depositories as Bermingham Tower, the Herald's Office, the Custom House, the Four Courts, the King's Inns, &c. ; and was also permitted by the authorities to examine the manuscripts in the Libraries of Trinity College, of Archbishop Marsh, Christ Church Cathedral, and those of the Archbishop of Dublin, and the Dean of St. Patrick's. I was also favoured with an inspection of the Chapter books of several Cathedrals, and likewise had access to the old annual and triennial visitation books of all the Dioceses within the Province of Cashel. Besides these and other Manuscript authorities supplied by private friends, I had of course the use of printed books, such as the report of the Commissioners of Public Records in Ireland, the "*Liber Muncerum Publicorum Hiberniæ*," the Royal Patents, so far as printed, the Works of Sir James Ware, Archdall's "*Monasticon Hibernicum*," "*The State Papers*," Mason's History of St Patrick's Cathedral, and various others.

As this was to be an undertaking entirely confined to myself, it was necessary that I should be independent both as to the time and the order of publication, I resolved therefore to be my own publisher.

As I found that few people here have much relish for recitals of dry matters of fact, such as form the

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main staple of the *Fasti*, I printed only a limited number of copies, and as during the progress of the work I gave away many separate parts to friends in various Dioceses who assisted me in my enquiries, I apprehend that the number of complete sets is now limited.

The *Fasti* at first was published in separate Parts, commencing in 1845, and these were afterwards consolidated into volumes. Vol. I., containing the Dioceses of Waterford and Lismore, Cashel and Emly, Cork, Cloyne, and Ross, Limerick Ardfert and Aghadoe, Killaloe and Kilfenora, in 1847. Of this volume a second edition, revised and enlarged, was issued in 1851. Vol. II., comprising the Dioceses of Dublin, Glendaloch, and Kildare, and Ossory, Ferns, and Leighlin, appeared in 1848. Vol. III., containing Armagh and Clogher, Meath, Kilmore and Ardagh, Down, Connor, and Dromore, Derry and Raphoe, appeared in 1849. Vol. IV., containing all the Dioceses within the Province of Tuam, viz., Tuam, Killala, and Achonry, Elphin, Clonfert, and Kilmacduagh, appeared in 1850. To this last was added a short Appendix, showing the Consecrations of all the Irish Prelates since the Reformation down to that year, so far as could be ascertained. To these was added, in 1860, Vol. V., consisting of illustrations, corrections, and additions, bringing the list of Appointments down to the latter year; also general Indexes to the whole work, the

voluntary contribution of my friend, John Ribton Garstin, Esq., Treasurer of the Royal Irish Academy.

THE PRESENT SUPPLEMENT.

After the publication of Vol. V., I conceived that my labours in this field were finished; I was then 70 years of age, and my eyesight had become impaired. From that time I became less careful than before in noting down every Cathedral appointment as it occurred, being well content to leave any continuation of the *Fasti* to younger and more active hands.

When, in 1869, the heavy blow was struck which deprived the Clergy both of their privileges and their property at the close of the year 1870, it began to be regretted that there was no book showing the appointments to places in Cathedrals during the ten years subsequent to the issue of Vol. V.; but no continuation of the work was forthcoming; men were not very willing to involve themselves in a proceeding which was sure to be both tedious and troublesome, while it promised no commensurate advantage in a financial point of view. Repeated applications were made to me to devise some mode of filling up the *lacuna*; under ordinary circumstances I could not have felt myself warranted in declining any duty which the Church might think

fit to require from me, but in this case the thing was quite impossible,—the task sought to be imposed on me was far too heavy for my shoulders at that time. I had long been too blind to write legibly or to read a page either of manuscript or print, and, from bodily infirmity, was unable to go about as formerly, in order to collect the necessary information. In this dilemma, when all other means seemed to fail, my son, Charles Philip Cotton, B.A. of Trinity College, Dublin, most seasonably came forward and offered, with the help of my MSS. and the valuable notes made by Mr. Garstin,* to arrange, with his help, the materials of a projected Supplement, and superintend its publication.

By the "Irish Church Act" of 1869 it was ordered, that all the original books in the Diocesan Registries should be transmitted to Dublin, and deposited with the "Church Commissioners," and they very courteously permitted my son to have access to all the Records which had thus come into their hands, and to copy from them the authentic information which was necessary for his purpose, and which is here presented to the public: indeed, I am bound to say, that in this, as well in all former portions of my work, I have experienced from all persons in authority,

* That gentleman has collected much additional material for an enlarged edition of the "Fasti," but only the portion relating to the period between 1860 and 1870 came within the scope of the present Supplement.

the most polite and cordial attention, and the utmost readiness to forward my endeavours. The Prelates also have ever been most ready to assist me, and I have recently received lists of their various publications from the hands of the Primate, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishops of Killaloe, Limerick, and Derry; also, from many others of the Clergy, among whom Dean Hoare, of Waterford (since deceased) and those two learned and zealous antiquaries, Dean Reeves of Armagh, and the Rev. James Graves, Treasurer of Kilkenny: Rev. Dr. Lee, Archdeacon of Dublin, Rev. Dr. Reichel, Rev. Dr. Quarry, and the Rev. Dr. Graves (late Prebendary of Brigown, Cork), are to be specially mentioned; likewise from many others of my clerical brethren I have received frequent suggestions and information, for which all have my warmest thanks.

And here I ought not to omit specially thanking Dr. Travers, Librarian of St. Patrick's Cathedral, for the interesting account of the restoration of that Cathedral, which will be found at page 68.

On consideration of the question, at what point the entries in the Supplement ought to commence, it was judged advisable;—

1. To begin in every Diocese with the persons in every rank last named in the four volumes, adding any further information respecting them subsequently obtained. These Dignitaries appear in *ITALIC CAPITALS*.