

on was a contributor to it, and his article entitled "The Holocaust," when Allen, Larkin and O'Brien Manchester Martyrs, were executed in 1867, produced quite a sensation. He also contributed articles to "Nation," the "Shamrock," "The People" and "The Hibernian," by Duffy—"The Irish People" the recognised organ of the Irish American Brotherhood.

In the field of philanthropy he distinguished himself by making a tour, with Dr. Sigerson, of Connacht in 1879-80, when typhoid fever broke out and a famine was raging; they went on behalf of the Mansion House Committee, which raised funds for the relief of distress.

#### PHILANTHROPY.

Dr. Sigerson also wrote on medical subjects, publishing a work entitled "The Need for the Use of Village Hospitals," which related his experiences in the West of Ireland.

At this time he was appointed on the Royal Commission on Prisons, and the result was a much-needed improvement in the dietary and treatment of prisoners of weak intellect. It is known that many of the reforms suggested by him were adopted in England. In 1890 he published an important work on the treatment of political prisoners, based on the practice in Continental countries, showing that England's treatment of political prisoners stood alone in severity.

The indefatigable Irishman also devoted his attention to the Irish Land question, and as far back as 1871 he had published "History of Land Tenures and Land Rights in Ireland," the proofs of which were read by Mr. Gladstone, who made use of the knowledge when he brought forward his Land Bill later on.

Dr. Sigerson became President of the National Literary Society—founded in 1881—from the time of the resignation of the first President, Dr. Douglas Hyde—the Gaelic League was founded in 1893 to his death, close on thirty-five years afterwards.

Such is the life-story, in briefest compass, of one of the most remarkable men of recent times, one who, in the words of his friend and sincere admirer, Douglas Hyde, "has left a gap in our lives that cannot be filled," adding that he died "full of old age and well deserved honours and reverence and love."

It may be added that Dr. Hyde's "Memorial Preface" to Dr. Sigerson's "Records of the Gael and Gall"—published by the Talbot Press in 1925—has been largely laid under contribution for details of his sketch of a great career.

#### NORTHERN LIGHTS

A particularly vivid display of Northern Lights was seen over Denmark on Saturday night. Wireless transmission was violently disturbed during this period.

is to be hoped that steps will be taken without delay to brighten the building a little. The interior of our civic headquarters is very depressing, so depressing that some one has likened it to a tenement. The concrete sets in the entrance hall and vestibule are so uneven as to be a source of danger to the unwary. But if one were to describe the murky state of the walls the picture would not suggest that in Limerick we have an abundance of the quality known as civic pride.

## WORST IN 53 YEARS

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### RECENT SNOWSTORM IN ENGLAND

It can now be stated, says a Press Association telegram this afternoon, that the worst snowstorm since 1888 raged over the North of England in the third week in February. Snow fell for 50 hours over an area from North Yorkshire to the Scottish border and traffic was at a standstill. In one night snow fell to a depth of four feet in one part of Yorkshire. Troops with army vehicles cleared the great north road over which a thousand vehicles pass daily. The snowdrifts in some areas were five to ten feet deep in the open land. A landslide near Aycliffe, Co. Durham, stopped trains. The passengers were supplied with thousands of sausage rolls.

### RATIONS TO BE CUT

The rations of meat, sugar and tea to men and women serving with the British Forces are to be cut. The rations of most sedentary workers in the Services will be the same as those of civilians, as also will be those of personnel on leave. Soldiers and airmen overseas are also to get less meat.

#### DEATH.

**O'Dwyer** (Limerick)—On March 3rd, 1941, at his residence, 8 Davis Street, Patrick O'Dwyer (Guard, G.S. Rlys.). Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife, family, sister, relatives and friends. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church on to-morrow (Tuesday evening) at 8 p.m. Requiem High Mass at 10.30 a.m. Wednesday. Funeral immediately after to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. R.I.P.