

Strangers at Meeting!

Minutes of the Men's Meeting of Cork, Ireland, 25 xi. 1702 :

" A Stranger of late appearing in o' meetings, understood to be called Samuel Coe, & tho his conversation does noe way bespeake him to be a friend, yet as he sitts sometimes in the meetings, some may think him to be one of us, & may happen to be deceived in him.

" It's desired Rich. Pike, Jno. Dennis, Chris. Devonsher & Tho. Wight may speake wth him and informe themselves both what and whence he is, as also to signifie plainly y^e sence & mind of friends concerning him."

25 iv. 1705.

" A Strainger pretty tall wth a long wig—appearing of late in our meetings, and W^m Allen knowing where he resorts, is desired to spake with him to understand whence he is, & of his circumstances.

" The strainger's sirname is Spiers ; he was convinced in Galway by hearing some friend there when he was a soldier, but W A. cannot give the friends name. Since then Spiers in Holland, a sergent in the army, quitted it & came to Dublin, married & has wife there whose father goes to meetings. Inquiries to be made of his name & abode & write for further particulars from him."

Aid to Emigration

" Evan Thomas putting into this harbour wth his wife on their voyage to Pensilvania, friends feeling his mean circumstances & believing him honest & innocent, supplied him with 3^{li}."

Minute of the Men's Meeting of Cork, Ireland, 29 x. 1718.

To Meeting in Pattens

1780. " Our fr^d Sam^l Neale recommended to our friends who wear pattens to take them off coming into meeting, as he thinks it disturbs the solemnity or divine feeling that some may be enjoying or partaking off."

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QUOTATION 15 (xxiii. 1).—A correspondent writes: " I was at that lecture from which you quote, and the whole tenor of the speaker's argument was the other way. He set up that thesis only to destroy it, and I, who was trained as a man of letters, rejoiced."