
J. G. O'CONNOR MEMORIAL.

A TRIBUTE TO A STERLING PATRIOT.

Irishmen and lovers of the Old Land will learn with pleasure that a handsome Celtic monument now marks the last resting place of that patriotic son of Erin, the late Mr. J. G. O'Connor, in the Sandgate cemetery, Newcastle. To the older generation particularly the work of Mr. O'Connor in the cause of Home Rule is better known and appreciated. For many years Mr. O'Connor (more popularly known as "He of the White Hat") worked strenuously in every good cause in this State for the promotion of the welfare of his native land. He was born in King's County, Ireland, and died at Mayfield (N.S.W.) on July 22, 1913, aged 74. The monument was subscribed to by his friends. Among the donations were £25 from the Irish party, Ireland; £3 3s, Hon. Dr. Doyle, M.L.C.; £2 2s, Dr. C. W. MacCarthy; ~~, Mr and Mrs. W. K. K. Redmond; £1 1s each, Mr. B. Gaffney, Mr. John Woods, Hibernian A.C.B. Society, Hon. John Meagher, K.C.S.G., Mr. J. M. Taylor, the late Sir W. P. Manning, the late Mr. J. T. Donelan, the late W. M. Walsh, Hon. R. D. Meagher, Mr. T. J. Vaughan, Misses Murphy and Maloney; £1 each, Mr. P. M'Garry, M.L.A., the late Mr. Joseph Winter (Melbourne "Advocate"), Mr. G. Fitzgibbon; 10s 6d, Mr. John Bourke (Newcastle), Mr. Jas. Purcell, Hon. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. R. Halpin, Mr. M. Woods; 10s each, Mr. M. Ryan, Mr. L. Foley, Mr. W. Bourke, Mr. Johnson (Dunbar), Mr. Hayes ("Evening News"), Mr. T. Doyle (North Sydney), Mr. J. F. Cashin (Wamberal); 5s, Mr. Crowley, senr.

At the base of the monument the following tribute is inscribed: "This monument has been erected by friends and admirers, amongst others John Redmond, leader of the Irish Parliamentary party, and his brother William, in recognition of the services of the deceased in the Irish cause."