

CHRISTOPHER PALLES : HIS LIFE AND TIMES. By V. T. H. Delany. [1960, Dublin: Allen Figgs & Co., Ltd. 21/-. pp. xii and 200 incl. 8 pp. index.]

Christopher Palles was the Lord Chief Baron of Ireland from 1874 until 1916. Any man who occupies a place in the Supreme Court of any country for nearly half a century is bound to leave his mark. When the man is an all-round scholar and a master of the legal system, the mark is deep. Dr. Delany traces the life of the Lord Chief Baron with loving care. The biographer evidently discovered his subject to be not merely interesting but a congenial and admirable character. Readers of this book will find it a biographical work executed with caution, reverence, and accuracy, but they will not find it dull. Apart from the doings of Palles himself there is much to be learned about the administration of justice, the growth of education, and the peculiarities of politics in Ireland during the long span of the Chief Baron's life.

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