

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

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The Colours were blessed before the march past in celebration of St Patrick's Day at College Green, Dublin. Mr Aiken, the Minister of Defence, was present to take the salute, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ And on parade was the son of the Leader of Eire, Mr Vivion de Valera. There was nothing of the wild Irishman of tradition in this celebration --- it was all very warlike and rather sombre --- but that's how we are nowadays. But in London they were more light-hearted, ~~in the evening anyhow.~~ At the Albert Hall there were Irish dances, and the skirl of the pipes brought within the Dome of Kensington a breath of the Emerald Isle.

KING AND QUEEN.

They have some swanky new blocks of flats in South London, and the King and Queen went ^{along} ~~down~~ to look at them. ^{In} Lambeth, Wandsworth and Battersea ~~received an informal visit from their Majesties, giving us some delightful and democratic pictures of our well-loved royal family.~~ This is how the old order is changing --- somehow the old places don't seem the same. Soon the ~~only way~~ ~~you'll be able~~ to tell the difference between Park Lane and Lambeth will be to ~~take~~ look at the rent book. The King and Queen dropped in at No. 8 Portland House for a chat with Mrs Bush, and the atmosphere was just one of a friendly call among neighbours. Informality reigned again when their Majesties ^{left and} walked down the ~~street~~ Possibly the most delightful picture of all comes from Wandsworth --- the Queen paused for a chat ~~xxxx~~ with Mrs Sage, over the garden fence, ~~and they discussed a domestic problem.~~