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The doctoral study: *La cuestión irlandesa en la política internacional de Felipe II*, formed the core of Dr. García Hernán's publication *Irlanda y el Rey Prudente*, (2 vols., Madrid, 2000 and 2003). In view of the recent flourishing of a new historiography concerning the centuries old relationship between Ireland and Spain, the translation and augmentation of the study of 'Ireland and the Prudent King' into this book *Ireland and Spain in the reign of Philip II*, is a most fundamentally important and welcome contribution. Dr. García Hernán's methodology differs from the norm in what is referred to in continental Europe as the 'Anglo-Saxon practice of History'. Instead of incorporating the historiography of the period and its issues as a central discursive element in his narrative, he has concentrated on exposing the evidence from the wealth of primary archival sources that he has researched and interpreted. His intention is, primarily, to let the archival testimony inform his study and by extension, the reader. Like a master-huntsman whose skilled in ferreting rabbits out of warrens, Dr. García Hernán has provided the community of scholars with a valuable service in ferreting out hitherto unknown information concerning Philip II's relations with the Irish from a wide range of Austrian, Bavarian, Belgian, British, Irish Portuguese, Roman and Spanish archival sources and placing it in the public domain. It may well be expected that this work will stimulate further scholarly investigation, interpretation and debate among historians. Such deliberation is to be welcomed ! *From the Foreword* by Dr Declan M. Downey

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