

The chairman having addressed the Society, the Rev. O'Donovan next addressed the meeting, mentioning among other things that it was the duty of these agricultural organisations to see that they were properly represented in Parliament. Resolutions were then passed impressing on farmers the desirability of joining in this co-operative movement, expressing thanks for the benefits which had already been derived from the agricultural organisation and that a small sum should be annually allotted from the profits for the purpose of establishing and maintaining village libraries, etc. In conclusion a vote of thanks to the Hon. Horace Plunkett for the past services rendered by him in the cause of co-operation was passed and enthusiastically responded to.

TIPPERARY.—A Ninety-Eight Monument in Thurles.—Ever to the front where anything is to be done for Ireland's cause, the great and venerable Archbishop of Cashel has sent £20 for the erection of a '98 monument in Thurles. The subscription was acknowledged at a recent meeting of the Memorial Committee, and the ceremony of unveiling was fixed for November 1.

WEXFORD.—Proposed Presentation to a Priest.—A representative committee has been formed in New Ross to take steps to present Rev. James F. Nolan, O.S.A., with an address and testimonial. Father Nolan spent 25 years of missionary usefulness in the district.

GENERAL.

Religious for British Guiana.—A religious of the Sisters of Mercy, Demerara, British Guiana, was in Ireland in October with a view to securing suitable subjects who may feel disposed to join in the good work so needed in that distant and interesting part of the world.

Postulants for the United States.—Twenty-nine young ladies from various parts of Ireland—Carlow, Kilkenny, Kerry, Clare, Galway, Leitrim, and Fermanagh—left Queenstown about the end of October for New York *en route* for San Antonio, Texas, with the object of joining the Order of Divine Providence, of which the young ladies propose to become postulants.

Church Building in Ireland.—Week by week almost we (London Tablet of October 21) have to record the progress made in church building up and down the country. On Sunday the Bishop of Meath laid the foundation stone of a new church at Oldcastle. The new church, as its title indicates, will be a memorial—a noble and enduring memorial—to the martyred Primate, Oliver Plunkett, who was born in the parish of Oldcastle. The cost is estimated at £13,000. The Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Alphin, preached an eloquent sermon. The collection realised the sum of £500. In the afternoon an address was presented to the Bishop of Meath, who, in the course of his reply, dealt with the land question, denouncing the present system, which was depopulating the country.

The Inspectorship of National Schools.—The result of the recent examination for the Inspectorship of National Schools has been made known. The successful candidate was Mr. James J. Mullany, B.A. As a student of Blackrock College, from which so many inspectors have already come, Mr. Mullany's name was conspicuous in the Exhibition lists of the Intermediate and Royal University. Mr. Mullany has had, moreover, a very considerable experience in teaching at Blackrock and elsewhere.

The Bishops of Connaught and the Land Question.—The following resolutions, adopted at a meeting held in Tuam, were sent to Mr. Gerald Balfour by the Bishops of Connaught:—1. That we desire to express our grateful appreciation of the efforts now being made by the Congested Districts Board to create a peasant proprietary with enlarged holdings in the most impoverished districts of the West of Ireland. We confidently believe that the possession of these larger holdings with the sense of permanent ownership will prove to be a very strong incentive to thrift and industry, as well as a sure source of happiness and contentment in future. 2. We desire to express our earnest hope that the Congested Districts Board will continue and extend their policy of seeking to purchase the large uncultivated grazing farms of the West, with a view to their sub-division and allotment amongst the poorer class of tenants. At present, in numberless cases, these tenants are struggling to maintain a wretched existence on a few barren acres of bog or mountain, from which, too, they are forced to migrate at the busiest season of the year, in order to earn in England or Scotland the means of paying a rent that could never be extracted from the land itself. 3. We desire also to express a hope that the Congested Districts Board, with your powerful help, will seek to procure from Parliament extended powers so as to be able to carry out the same wise and beneficent policy throughout the whole Province of Connaught. It contains nearly everywhere vast tracts of the best land, admirably suited for cultivation, but now almost derelict and daily deteriorating in value. By the ungrudging labour and skill of a peasant proprietary, these desolate tracts might be made once more highly productive and profitable not only for the cultivators, but for the entire community. 4. We are convinced that this wise and generous policy can be carried out, with the help of the Government, without causing wrong or injury to any man; and it is on that understanding we advocate its adoption. We should greatly regret to see any means or methods of actions employed to further the cause of the tenants which were not perfectly just and legitimate. A just cause can only be weakened, and a holy cause can only be nullified, by the commission of any crime; and, if necessary, we shall not fail to take steps to warn our clergy and our flocks to abstain from any course of action that could be rightly regarded as unjust or immoral.

He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.

CARDINAL GIBBONS AND ADMIRAL DEWEY.

THE concluding feature of the ceremonies that marked the presentation to Admiral Dewey of the sword voted by Congress was a prayer by Cardinal Gibbons. The prayer finished, the Cardinal turned to Admiral Dewey, who extended his hand, and said: 'Admiral, I cannot let this opportunity pass without congratulating you on your magnificent victory, which has added renown to the American name throughout the world. I hope you will live many years to enjoy your honours, the fruits of your splendid achievement. Permit me, Admiral, to thank you for your kindness to the chaplain of the *Olympia*, Father Reaney, who is a priest of my diocese. I hope that the benediction of seventy millions of people will make your remaining years exceedingly happy. I rejoice to be present on this eventful occasion.' Admiral Dewey responded: 'I thank you sincerely, your Eminence, for your gracious and complimentary words. I appreciate the honour of having you present on this, the happiest occasion of my life.'

THE ENGLISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME.

THE English pilgrims who went to Rome about the middle of October had a very unpleasant experience before arriving at the Eternal City. In consequence of the destruction of the railway line by floods they were detained for several hours at a little railway station fifteen miles from Rome, with water all around. The weather was raw and wet, and to add to their discomfort no refreshments were procurable. Instead of getting to their destination on Monday night, it was only on the afternoon of Tuesday they arrived. The pilgrimage was under the direction of the Very Rev. Father Bannin, of the Pious Society of Missions.

The pilgrims spent three or four days in visiting various places of interest, and on the Monday, accompanied by a number of Italian Catholics, they were received in audience by the Pope in the Sala Clementina of the Vatican, the fine apartment erected by direction of Pope Clement VII. Indescribable enthusiasm was manifested by all present when the aged Pontiff, borne in his sedan chair, entered the apartment in which were assembled 124 English and Irish pilgrims and about 200 Italians. Not a few of them were moved to tears as they kissed his hand on one of the fingers of which was the Fisherman's Ring. Among the Papal retinue in attendance on his Holiness was Sir Thomas Esmonde, M.P. They were presented by Mgr. Stonor, titular Archbishop of Trebizond.

THE POPE'S ADDRESS,

which was in Italian, was read by Mgr. Mery del Val, and ran as follows:—'We greatly rejoice at seeing an assemblage of English Catholics gathered before Us. This is the third pilgrimage during Our pontificate to come from the land formerly known as the Island of Saints. In the approaching jubilee We hope shortly to see a fourth pilgrimage led by a large-minded man—namely, the Duke of Norfolk, the honour of the English nobility, whose dignity of birth is rendered the more illustrious by the light of the Catholic faith professed by him with so much zeal and munificence. The homage and filial love which you now render Us, dear sons, after having venerated the tomb of the Prince of the Apostles, are deeply prized by Us. In coming to Rome, to the feet of the Vicar of Christ, you perform a solemn and public act of faith. You give also a noble example of sincere love for the Apostolic See, with that docility full and entire without preconceived ideas and without criticism which is due to him who is the Supreme Chief, with the divine mandate of governing the Church. God grant that your example may be followed. Several of your number come from Catholic Ireland. How noble are the religious traditions of the blessed isle! How many are the continual proofs of devotion and generosity which reach Us from her sons! We rejoice to-day to see you together, the one and the other, united in this centre of Catholic unity before the Common Father, ranked as brothers under the flag of the common faith. To one and the other We equally express Our satisfaction and Our pleasure. We enjoin upon you obedience to your pastors and continuance in well doing. As an earnest of Our fatherly affection, We bestow from Our heart Our blessing upon you and your far-off families, relatives, and friends.'

The reception, which made a profound impression upon all, lasted three-quarters of an hour. His Holiness, who addressed a few words to each pilgrim, exhibited no marked signs of fatigue. At its close the Pope, raising himself in his chair, imparted his Apostolic Benediction. A number of contributions to the Peter's Pence Fund were made by several of the pilgrims.

MR. P. LUNDON, Phoenix Chambers, Wanganui, is still busy

putting people on the soil. He has also hotels in town and country For Sale and To Lease Write to him.—*.

MYERS AND CO., Dentists, Otago, corner of George street They guarantee highest class work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth give general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous-oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read advertisement.—*.

The death is reported of Sir Peter O'Brien, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, at the early age of 58 years.