

The Irish in America and the Parnell Statue.—The New York Council of the Irish National Federation, in pursuance of a disagreeable but imperative duty, have submitted to our countrymen in America a statement on Mr. Redmond's mission, with a view to save the name and memory of Parnell from being any longer the shibboleth of factionists. They ask their countrymen—'Shall we place the custody of a memorial to Parnell in the hands of one who never had his confidence in life, and who has dishonoured his memory in death by making his name the synonym for discord in Ireland, or shall we await the hour when a united people and a triumphant cause and custodians worthy of the trust shall warrant us in aiding the Irish people to build a monument to Parnell worthy of his services to Ireland?'

The Irish Industrial Schools.—The report of the Inspector of Reformatory and Industrial School for the past year (writes a Dublin correspondent) is now in the hands of the public. There has been during the past year much discussion about Doctor Fagan's now famous circular, the full effects of which can only be made manifest in time. It must inevitably add largely to the population of the Irish Reformatory Schools whilst it will lower the moral tone of the Industrial Schools. At present we have in Ireland only six Reformatory Schools whilst we have seventy-one Industrial Schools. During recent years the Reformatory Schools have become less a necessity owing to the fact that children who seem to be in the way of danger are committed to the Industrial Schools. At present only about 542 boys and 63 girls are inmates of Reformatory Schools. The Industrial Schools accommodate 3,873 boys and 4,910 girls. Generally speaking the training given the children is satisfactory.

The Royal University Degree Day.—The most striking feature of degree day at the Royal University buildings was the sweeping success of University College, Stephen's Green, the *alumni* of which were awarded one fellowship, three studentships, one scholarships, and one special prize. The Queen's Colleges of Belfast, Cork, and Galway between them got just one fellowship, no studentship, no scholarship, or no special prize. In second-class honours alone—and this is the lowest class of distinction—did the three Queen's Colleges beat the University College. St. Mary's University College, Merrion Square, for the higher education of girls, did well also, having won six distinctions as compared with five won by the Queen's Colleges of Cork and Galway combined. Blackrock College tied with Queen's College, Cork, on which £15,000 a year of public money is spent. Year after year the Royal University examinations serve to show more plainly the scandalous manner in which Irish Catholics are treated in the matter of University education. In no other country on earth is the spectacle witnessed of the minority receiving University education at the expense of the State and the large majority of the people left wholly unprovided for in that respect.

The Disabilities of Irish Catholics.—Some people in England (says the Dublin correspondent of the *Catholic Times*) appear to know nothing about the disabilities under which Irish Catholics suffer in their own land. It would occupy too much space to give a full list of Irish Catholic grievances. A few will suffice. The Jesuits, the Dominicans, and other religious Orders are illegal bodies and time after time are by law robbed of bequests left them. The Catholic youth of Ireland are deprived of University education, although Mr. Balfour deprecates the injustice to which we are subjected. The Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland may be a Turk, Jew, or Atheist, but not a Catholic. When he leaves Ireland for even a short holiday, the judges who are sworn in to administer the affairs of the country during his absence must be non-Catholics. Nearly all the higher official positions are filled by Protestants who have been appointed by the State. A Royal Commission recently concluded that England robs Ireland annually of nearly £3,000,000. But why continue the list. No doubt some broad-minded statesmen recently endeavoured to do something that would atone for past misdeeds, but they were in a minority, a foiled minority.

Unveiling of a Portrait of Lord Russell of Killowen.—At the third annual meeting of the Castleknock College Union held recently, the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly unveiled a life-size portrait of Lord Russell of Killowen, which had been presented to the college by the members of the Union. The portrait, which is from the brush of Mr. Charles Russell, a talented Dublin artist, is a remarkably striking one, and a true likeness of the eminent Irishman and jurist, the memory of whose early and long connection with this old-established seat of education it is intended to perpetuate. An eloquent address on the subject of Lord Russell of Killowen was delivered by Mr. M. C. Macinerney, Q.C., in the course of which he alluded to what Lord Russell had done, both by his speeches in Parliament and his contributions to the Press, for Catholic education and for the self-government of his native land. In the conclusion of his interesting address, the speaker said that in reviewing the life of Lord Russell of Killowen they would see his ardent love of creed and country running through the warp and weft of his magnificent career like the woollen thread through the golden texture which the witch's daughter is ever weaving in the German fairy tale.

Evening Star, June 22, 1889, says:—"Messrs W. Gawne and Co. of George Street, have sent us a sample of Worcestershire Sauce manufactured by them, which is in no respect inferior to the imported article, so long celebrated for flavouring sauces and as an agreeable addition to grills, fish, and steaks. We can safely recommend it as a valuable addition to our rapidly developing local manufactures. The bottles are neatly labelled and ornamental, not only for home use, but for exportation; and we hope the manufacturers will realise a demand equal to the merits of the savoury article they have produced."—*

GISBORNE CONVENT SCHOOL.

THE annual concert and distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Convent School, Gisborne, took place last week in the Academy of Music, in the presence of a large audience. The following (reports a local paper) contributed to a capital programme:—

Chorus, pupils; pianoforte duet, Misses Devery and Liddell; violin solo, Misses Devery and Donovan; chorus, infants; dumb-bell exercises, junior pupils; violin solo, Miss Devery; recitation, Miss Mabel Clarke; chorus, pupils; pianoforte solo, Miss Adeline Coote; chorus, infants; violin solo, Miss Dora Booth; vocal solo, Miss Mabel Clarke; club exercises, pupils; pianoforte duet, Misses Nicholson and McConville; recitation, Miss Lullie Power; violin solo, Miss Devery; chorus, pupils; pianoforte trio, Misses Coote, Hale, and Clarke; tambourine drill and dance, pupils; chorus, pupils; pianoforte piece, Miss Adeline Coote; vocal solo, Miss Linda Nicholson; pianoforte duet, Miss Ethel Downes and A. Downes; shepherds' drill and dance, pupils; vocal solo, Willie McConville; pianoforte solo, Miss Mabel Clarke; vocal duet, Misses Coote and Nicholson; violin solo, Miss Lullie Power; pianoforte solo, Miss Irene Harding; chorus, pupils. The several dances given by the children were very pretty and elicited loud applause from the audience. The tambourine drill and dance were specially worthy of mention, as were also the club and dumb-bell exercises. At an interval during the evening the Hon. James Carroll distributed the prizes, and before doing so gave the children a short address as well as a recitation. Mr. Carroll was quite in his element with the children, and his remarks to each of the successful candidates as he or she came forward to receive the prize were of a most happy nature. The Rev. Father Mulvihill and Mr. J. Martin assisted in the distribution of the prizes. The following is the

PRIZE LIST:

Gold medal for good conduct awarded to Irene Harding; Christian doctrine, D. O'Dwyer; painting in oils, Miss Devery; music (pianoforte), Adeline Coote; violin, Dora Booth; singing, Linda Nicholson; carving, Miss Devery.

Arithmetic: Standard VI., Nellie Donovan; Standard V., Rose Liddell; Standard IV., Denis O'Grady; Standard III., Peter McConville; Standard II., Harry Martin; Standard I., Willie Bowler.

Geography: Standard VI., Nellie Donovan; Standard V., Willie McConville; Standard IV., Maggie Riddell; Standard III., Peter McConville; Standard II., Eddie Griffen.

Grammar and composition: Standard VI., Adeline Coote; Standard V., Irene Harding; Standard IV., Dora Booth; Standard III., Lullie Power; Standard II., May Fitzgerald.

Reading: Standard V., Belle Buchanan; Standard IV., Jane Hale; Standard III., Francis Riddell; Standard II., Emily McConville; Standard I., Elsie Bower.

Writing: Standard IV., Mary Roche; Standard III., Nellie Heeney; Standard II., Nellie Dooling; Standard I., Fred Liddell.

Drawing: Standard VI., De Simson; Standard V., Rose Liddell; Standard III., D. McConville; Standard II., John Lynch; Standard I., Bertie Clarke.

Spelling: Standard V., Winnie Maultsaide; Standard III., Maggie Nicholson; Standard I., Flossie Donovan.

The Inspector, Mr. Hill, examined the school on October 21, and reported as follows:—Standard VI.—Presented 3, present 3, passed 2. Standard V.—Presented 3, present 3, passed 3. Standard IV.—Presented 8, present 8, passed 7. Standard III.—Presented 14, present 14, passed 12. Standard II.—Presented 8, present 8, passed 7. Standard I.—Presented 3, present 3, passed 2. Class P.—Presented 42. Grammar very fair; geography of Standard II. very good; mental arithmetic very good; repetition good; recitation very good; drill and exercises fair; calisthenics fair; singing intelligently and well-taught; needlework very good; comprehension of the language of reading lesson fair. The Standards are good, well-prepared, and of commendable promise. The style of work is very good. The preparatory classes under the pupil teacher are in good working order. They show an interest in their work. I was pleased with the intelligence of the answering in the oral exercises set by me. Remarks: The average progress made by this school since my examination last year is good. The pass and extra subjects have been very fairly prepared, and the work is in advance in general proficiency to that submitted last year. There is a nice spirit of emulation among the pupils, and the style of the work on paper and in books affords evidence of good training and supervision.

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