

gram apprising him of his appointment, so that before he touched American soil he was, it appears, informed of the decision of the Holy See.

LIMERICK.—A Distinguished Career

The Rev. Edmond James Fitzmaurice, on whom has just been conferred at Rome the degree of Doctor of Divinity, is a brilliant young Churchman—he is not yet twenty-three—whose collegiate career has been throughout an eminently successful one. Dr. Fitzmaurice is the second son of Mr. William Fitzmaurice, Ballydonohue Cottage, Glin, County Limerick, and made his classical studies at Killarney College, pursuing his higher studies at Louvain, and completing his course at the American College, Rome. At nineteen he became a Bachelor of Divinity and a double gold medallist, and had his course shortened as a reward for his industry and ability. On ordination he intended to labor in the diocese of Erie, of which his uncle, the Right Rev. Dr. John Fitzmaurice, is Bishop; but, on the solicitation of Dr. Prendergast, Bishop of Philadelphia, the young priest will there enter upon his sacred calling.

MONAGHAN.—Estates Sold to Tenants

Agreements have been signed for the sale of the estate of the Rev. J. C. Quinn and others near Newbliss, County Monaghan, at 23½ years' purchase on second term rents. The estate of the late Mr. Thomas Atkinson has been sold at 23½ years' purchase on second term rents.

TIPPERARY.—A Great Athlete

Mr. Thomas F. Kiely, of Carrick-on-Suir, won the all-round championship of the world at the St. Louis World's Fair, which was held under the auspices of the American Athletic Union. He scored four firsts in nine events. Mr. Kiely was born at Ballyneal, Carrick-on-Suir, thirty-three years ago, half a mile across the fields from the home of the Davins, who made Ireland famous in the world of athletics in the seventies and early eighties by their record performances in weight-throwing, jumping, and running. Growing up a boy, Kiely was attracted to the training grounds of the Davins, and in the course of some schoolboy competitions, Maurice Davin noticed the extraordinary ability of young Kiely, and there and then set to train him to his style in the different weights. In this he was successful, and Kiely made his first appearance at sports in 1887, at the age of seventeen years. He proved himself a wonderful youngster, and at nineteen years he competed in the Gaelic championships in Kilkenny, and although he failed to win any of the events, he showed promise of great things. In 1892, at the Gaelic championships, he won several events, and from that to the present his athletic career might be written as one of breaking records and winning championships. He stands 6ft 1in in height, and weighs, when in condition, 14 stone. He won the English hammer championship five times, the Irish hammer championship seventeen times. He has also several weight, jump, and hurdle championships to his credit, and as a sprinter he has secured innumerable prizes. He won all the all-round championships he competed for. The all-round championship of the world was the height of Kiely's ambition.

WATERFORD.—Dungarvan Exhibition

In the early part of July the Dungarvan Exhibition of Arts, Crafts, and Manufactures was opened. The exhibits covered a very wide field, from the old spinning wheel of 300 years ago to the modern manufacturing appliance of to-day.

WICKLOW.—A New Church

At Greystones, the charming Wicklow seaside resort, on Sunday, July 10, his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin opened the church which has been erected instead of the sacred edifice destroyed by the storm which devastated the district more than a year ago. The new building, which has been erected under the supervision of the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, is situated in one of the most picturesque districts of a county remarkable for its beauty. It will form a lasting monument to his Lordship's zeal for religion and to his artistic taste and sound judgment.

GENERAL

Punctual Payments

The other night in the House of Lords the Marquis of Salisbury, in answer to Lord Oranmore and Browne, said that the loans made to Irish tenants and landlords by the Public Works Commissioners were repaid with extraordinary punctuality, nor was the Government a loser in any way by these transactions.

There are eight composers in the new N.S.W. Parliament: O'Sullivan, Jones, Bennett, M'Court, Ashton, Gillies, Hogue and Richards.

People We Hear About

A London correspondent states that Colonel Collins intended taking a trip to Paris at the conclusion of the Bisley meeting, after which he was to visit Ireland.

Miss Jane Barlow, authoress of 'Bog-land Studies,' 'Kerrigan's Quality,' 'From the Land of the Shamrock,' and other Irish stories, has been presented with the Litt D degree, *honoris causa*, by the Dublin University, of which her father is the Vice-Provost. She is the first lady to receive a degree from the University. Miss Barlow's Irish Idylls was specially mentioned by the Public Orator when the honor was conferred on her.

Sir Albert a Beckett, late Assistant Accountant-General of the Army, who has given forty-six years of exceptional service to the War Office; General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny; Colonel Francis Hugh Plowden, who holds the rank of Brigadier-General and 2nd Class District Commander in India; and the Hon. Edward Patrick Morris, Minister of Justice in Newfoundland, have been the recipients of many congratulations upon the honor of Knighthood conferred on them by the King.

The present young Marquis of Lothian, whose health is unfortunately a source of much anxiety to his family, is the nephew of Lord Ralph and Lord Walter Kerr; and as he is unmarried and has no brothers the heir-presumptive to the marquise is Lord Ralph Kerr, who is married to the youngest sister of the Duke of Norfolk, and whose eldest son is just finishing his undergraduate career at Oxford. It will be an interesting circumstance if the headship of this ancient and noble house should (as will in all human probability be the case), after more than three centuries, revert once again to a Catholic.

Lord Kelvin celebrated his 80th birthday on July 3. It is stated (says an exchange) that he was the first man who despatched a wireless message. He was in the Isle of Wight, and wanted to communicate with Mr. George Stokes at Cambridge, and despatched his wireless telegram to Bournemouth. The Scotchmen are immensely proud of their distinguished 'countryman.' But it happens that Lord Kelvin, though bearing a Scottish title, is not a Scotchman, but an Irishman, who did not leave his native country till he was fourteen years of age. It is remarkable that the other scientist, Marconi, whose name is so indissolubly associated with wireless telegraphy, should be an Irishman by birth and have Irish blood in his veins. Marconi was born at Enniscorthy, and his mother was an Irishwoman.

The recent birthday list (says the 'Catholic Herald') included the name of Lady Florence Dixie, whom the Catholics of the country reckon as one of themselves. Lady Florence is a well known writer, explorer, and champion of women's rights. Her advocacy had a good deal to do with the liberation of Cetewayo, the Zulu king, though that event only preceded his death by a few years. During the late war Lady Florence acted as war correspondent for the 'Morning Post.' She is a first-rate horsewoman, and was a mistress of the gun, which she has, however, fore sworn on humanitarian grounds. To which it may be added that she is the daughter of the lately deceased Marchioness of Queensberry, and therefore the sister of Canon Lord Archibald Douglas, of Annan. Her husband, Sir Beaumont Dixie, is one of the rather numerous Catholic baronets, the eleventh holder of a title conferred in 1660. Born in 1851, Sir Beaumont married Lady Florence in 1875.

The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk were recently entertained by the Cutlers' Company at their hall in Sheffield, and were presented with a congratulatory address and a remarkable cabinet of cutlery. The members of the Company joined in the gifts already presented by the city to the Duke and Duchess on the occasion of their marriage, but they felt under such obligation to the Duke for the services he has rendered to the Company that they decided to make a separate gift in addition. It took the form of a cabinet of cutlery and silver plate of about 600 pieces, comprising every requisite of the kind for the dinner table. The articles were made by different members of the Company, but they were marked only with the name and arms of the Cutlers' Company. In acknowledging the gift the Duke said he was especially gratified to get the information from the Master Cutler that he was the proud owner of the best set of cutlery Sheffield had ever produced.

Rev. Father Brady, of Ipswich, who has been on a holiday to Ireland, is returning to Queensland.