

be said that police inquiries were at once addressed to the supposed victim, the Knight of Glin. He was profoundly amused. A sportsman, a man of high respectability, was out rabbit shooting, and fired at and shot a rabbit. He was a little too near the road and a few grains of small shot whistled unpleasantly near the car on which the Knight was driving. There were apologies from the sportsman, and the genial Geraldine drove on to Glin Castle in his usual very excellent health and spirits. And thus dissolved into smoke the latest Dublin Castle bogus outrage!

MAYO—Croagh Patrick Oratory

Archbishop Healy stated at a meeting of the Catholic Truth Society in Dublin that the oratory erected on the summit of Croagh Patrick would be dedicated to St. Patrick on the last Sunday of July.

TYRONE—A Serious Fire

A disastrous fire occurred on June 22 at Omagh, County Tyrone, a whole street of valuable property being completely destroyed. The damage was estimated at about £20,000.

WATERFORD—No Work for the Judge

The Waterford Summer Quarter Sessions, which opened before his Honor Judge Fitzgerald, possessed no feature of public interest save the fact that not a single case of crime came before the court.

WEXFORD—Death

A well known and highly respected Catholic layman passed away a few weeks ago in the person of Mr. Laurence Boggan, of Monroe, Enniscorthy. Deceased was a greatly esteemed personal friend of the editor of this paper, and his loss will be severely felt by a wide circle of friends.

GENERAL

The Language Movement

During the last twelve months £20,000 have been collected in the United Kingdom for the purpose of reviving the Irish language.

Block in the Land Court

Applications amounting to over £20,000,000 sterling have been received under the Land Act of 1903. As the Treasury have decided to allot only £5,000,000 annually, there is a block in the Land Court, and the Act may turn out a failure.

Irish Education

Sir Antony MacDonnell, in the course of a speech delivered at the annual dinner of old students of the Queen's Colleges, in the Holborn Restaurant, said with reference to the criticisms to which he had been subjected recently, that he was perfectly content to await events and to be judged by those to whom he was known. He looked forward with perfect confidence to the time when, instead of having to face opposition, he would find support. The question of Irish education was not one of party politics. It should be regarded, without religious or sectarian bias, for it and the prosperity of Ireland depended not on any religious party, but on freedom of thought and the unity of the whole nation.

Economy in the Public Service

The Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill provides for the reduction of the salary of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland from £8000 to £6000 on the occurrence of the next vacancy in the office, and for the reduction of King's Bench Judges in Ireland from ten to eight by not filling an existing and the next future vacancy. The money thus saved, with other savings, is to be devoted to the Irish Development Grant.

The Parliamentary Fund

Our Home exchanges report the receipt by Mr. John Redmond, M.P., on behalf of the Irish Parliamentary Fund, of a cheque for five hundred guineas from the Irish Nationalists of Kalgoorlie, Australia.

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People We Hear About

The Duchess of Norfolk has given birth to a daughter.

The Rev. Henry Denifle, O.P., who died at Munich recently while on his way to Oxford to receive an honorary degree, was the greatest living authority on mediæval history, and had been for over twenty years attached to the Vatican Archives.

As a little illustration of the universality of the Church, the 'Sacred Heart Review' notes the wide separation of an Irish Catholic family, the Kennellys of North Kerry. Of two brothers, one is a missionary in China, the other a parish priest in South Australia; and two sisters are members of the Order of Mercy in California.

Captain Travers H. Falkiner, of the Connaught Rangers, rode with the unemployed from Leicester to London. Falkiner is the son of the ex-Recorder of Dublin, who gained the blue ribbon of the Northern Circuit of Ireland. Captain Falkiner addressed the Leicestersmen in Trafalgar Square, and promised £1000 to their funds.

The death is announced from Scranton, Pennsylvania, of Mrs. Mary Padden, a sister of Michael Davitt. Mrs. Padden was widowed many years ago, and although left in anything but affluent circumstances, she would accept no aid from anybody, but by her own efforts determined to maintain her family. She did so successfully, leaving them all in comfortable, well-to-do circumstances.

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, celebrated his 71st birthday on July 23. He was born in Baltimore of Irish parents, and educated in Ireland. He was ordained priest 44 years ago, consecrated Bishop in 1868, appointed Archbishop of Baltimore ten years later, and received the red hat in the same year.

The death of Lord Massereene in London the other day will recall the fact that he was the lineal descendant of Mr. John Foster (Lord Oriel), the last Speaker of the Irish House of Commons. The mace of that assembly, which Mr. Foster, as its Speaker on the extinction of the Irish Parliament, refused to deliver except to the authority—the Irish House of Commons—from whom he had received it, is preserved as a precious heirloom in Antrim Castle, the country seat of Lord Massereene, who was the holder of Mr. Foster's coronet and peerage.

Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet was honored on his 77th birthday (says the 'Irish American' of June 3) at a dinner given at Delmonico's by his medical friends. About 125 guests were present. Dr. Emmet was escorted to the dinner by Archbishop Farley, who pronounced the blessing and also made a brief speech. Dr. E. C. Dudley, of Chicago, made the address of introduction. Others who spoke were Dr. W. M. Polk, Dr. W. H. Baker, of Boston; Dr. S. C. Gordon, of Portland, Me.; Dr. George T. Harrison, and Dr. F. J. Quinlan. In his remarks Archbishop Farley said: 'I never felt more of a layman than I do at this dinner given to the eminent physician, Dr. Emmet. Honor is due to him who stands at the head of the medical profession. What he has achieved in literature, medicine, and surgery is more than sufficient for any one man. He has lifted up for himself a monument for work that will stand long when he is in his grave.'

The inquiry into the methods of the War Office has again brought the name of General Sir William Butler into prominence. The 'Westminster' printed the other day some interesting details of the career of this remarkable Irish Catholic soldier—Sir William is one of many Irishmen, as his speech readily betrays, who have risen to fame in the ranks of the British Army. But his chances in this respect looked slender enough at one time. These were the days of purchase, and the £1500 needed to get him his company was hopelessly beyond his resources. A bright idea occurred to him, however, and on the inspiration thereof he cabled to Wolseley, then in command of the Red River Expedition: 'Please remember me,' followed up his wire by the first Canadian boat, and by the sheerest good luck obtained the appointment coveted. His wife has a personality scarcely less distinguished. Sir William had caught malaria in one of his campaigns—As he lay recovering from the fever in Netley Hospital he heard wonderful accounts of a picture named 'The Roll Call,' by a certain Miss Elizabeth Thompson, which was drawing all London to Burlington House, and when later, on his first day in London, he went to see it, his eagerness to know the painter was irresistible. Miss Thompson became the lion of the London season, the Duchess of St. Albans introduced the soldier to the artist, and three years after they were man and wife.