

MEATH—Mullingar Cathedral

The Most Rev. Dr. Gaughran, Bishop of Meath, has received £47,082 from the Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, his predecessor in the Bishopric, for the erection of a Cathedral in Mullingar.

SLIGO—Primary Education

Speaking at a meeting held in Sligo Town Hall, the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy said he had made a study of the Irish Education Question, and had convinced himself that the chief defects in it were traceable to the financial difficulty. Perhaps the most flagrant violation of justice that was ever perpetrated was to be found in the malversation of funds that essentially belonged to the department of Irish Primary Education. If the rate introduced by Mr. Goschen in 1892 had been adhered to Ireland would now be entitled to £460,000, which was being systematically withheld from her. By a clever piece of prestidigitation Mr. Wyndham had converted moneys which, in equity and in honor, should be devoted to Irish education, to the buying out of landlords, to the making of railways, canals, and in relieving the excessive local taxation of the country.

TIPPERARY—Death of a Priest

Rev. Father Hall, formerly rector of St. Patrick's, Wolverhampton, has passed away at Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary, in his seventy-eighth year.

The Temperance Movement

At a conference of laborers in North Tipperary, at Nenagh, a resolution was passed stating that they were gladdened by the progress of the Temperance movement. They were proud that Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty's pastoral was generally obeyed by the people of that part of the country during the last harvest season, and that in some instances where it was disobeyed members of the Association refused to take part in such disobedience. They viewed with alarm and regret anti-Catholic and immoral Socialism preached by Continental Labor leaders, and urged that the Gaelic League deserved the support of the Land and Labor Associations.

TYRONE—Serious Accident

On October 29 a very serious accident occurred while Mr. John Weir was holding an auction of furniture at Bank House, Strabane, for Miss Smyth. Owing to the excellent quality of the furniture, and the fact that it was market day, the sale was very largely patronised. After the contents of several rooms had been disposed of, the party proceeded to a large drawing-room on the second storey, where there were some fine lots to be sold. The room quickly filled with buyers, and at least sixty persons, including a large number of ladies, were crowded inside when, without the slightest warning, the floor gave way, and with a loud crash all fell to the ground floor underneath, a distance of about fifteen feet. Several policemen and a number of civilians rushed up and broke the front windows of the room (the door was locked, and the uninjured, who had struggled to their feet, came out to the street. It was then seen that practically everyone inside had sustained injuries of a more or less serious nature. One by one the injured were carried out. A farmer named Patrick McGettigan got a leg broken, Mr. Joseph Cooper, of Castletown, was seriously injured, and the two men were conveyed to the Lifford Infirmary with all possible haste. Mrs. Fyffe, of Castletown, was so seriously injured that her life was despaired of. Among the others who were badly hurt were Mr. Eugene O'Doherty, secretary to the Donegal Agricultural Committee; Mrs. Kelly, Carricklee; Thomas Knowles, Strabane; and Matthew Gallagher, Strabane, who were taken to their homes. The others sustained principally cuts and bruises about the head.

WATERFORD—Death of a Religious

Intelligence has been received with regret in Dungarvan, of the death in a convent at Wibrick, Belgium, of Miss Kate Kiely, sister of Mr. T. F. Kiely, the Irish athlete and world's champion, and of Sister Camillus, of the Convent of Mercy, Dungarvan.

MYERS & CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George Street. They guarantee the highest class of 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 a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth.

People We Hear About

The death has occurred in Paris of Madame Gounod, the widow of the celebrated composer, aged seventy-seven. She was the daughter of a professor of music.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., had an interview with President Roosevelt when he was in America, renewed his acquaintance with Professor Goldwin Smith, and dined with Mark Twain, the veteran humorist being as delightful as ever.

Mr. Bourke Cochran, the eloquent Irish-American, and Miss Hanna, the daughter of a former Governor of the Philippines, are about to be married. Recently Mr. Bourke Cochran gave £10,000 for the development of industries in his native town of Sligo.

Mr. Stephen Gwynn, the recently elected Member of Parliament for Galway, is a Protestant Nationalist, and a grandson of William Smith O'Brien. Apart from his descent, he is himself one of the most cultured of modern Irishmen; a man who has achieved success in many fields. He has written some very charming novels dealing with the mystic side of Celtic character, and as a publicist his writings on matters of current interest have always commanded a wide circle of admirers in Ireland.

Lord Ripon, as Leader of the Upper House, was one of the chief figures at the re-assembling of the Lords. People with a taste for political prophecy are talking of Lord Ripon's coming retirement. It is obvious that a man of eighty has not an immense political future, but rumors of this withdrawal have been flying about for so long that the public have ceased to pay much attention to them. Lord Ripon will be much missed in politics, for he has been actively concerned in them ever since he became Under-Secretary for War in 1859. Almost always in or out of office, he has made people respect his ability.

Mr. Walter Townley and Mr. Esme Howard, who have just been appointed respectively British Minister at Buenos Ayres and Councillor of the British Embassy at Washington, are both Catholics; and both, as it happens, converts to the Catholic Church. Mr. Townley, who is in no way related to the great Lancashire Catholic family of Towneley of Towneley (now extinct in the male line), is married to a daughter of the late Earl of Alhmarle, whose daughters followed their parents into the Catholic Church, while their sons remained Protestant. Mr. Esme Howard belongs to the family of the Howards of Greystones, in Cumberland, a Protestant branch of the house, which stands next in remainder to the Dukedom of Norfolk after Lord Howard of Glossop and his two sons.

Viscount Guillamore, who celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday recently, is an O'Grady, and, equally of course, a Standish of that ilk. He is the third brother to bear the title conferred upon his grandfather. When Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of the Irish Exchequer, was on the Bench, a pleader remarked that a certain plaintiff had only 'the shadow of a title.' 'Then he must be an Irish Peer,' said Standish, who became one himself on his retirement. The first Viscount Guillamore it was who prosecuted Robert Emmet, as Attorney-General for Ireland, in 1803. Emmet's insurrection was itself the cause of this. The murder of Lord Kilwarden killed Emmet's enterprise at the outset, and made a legal vacancy which placed the Attorney-Generalship at O'Grady's disposal. His son and successor, the present peer's father, fought with all the valor of his name at Waterloo. Lord Guillamore is a bachelor.

Lord Crofton, an Irish Peer and bachelor, celebrated his birthday the other day—his seventy-second. He is more than 'the shadow of a title,' for he has a seat in the House of Lords since 1873 as a Representative Peer for Ireland. He is usually described as the third baron, but is really the second, the first Lord in this instance having, paradoxically, been a lady. The title was conferred on Lady Crofton in 1797, having been intended for her husband; and her son dying before her, the title descended to the present Lord Crofton's father. The Croftons have been in Roscommon since the days of Elizabeth, and survived the terrible times of the seventeenth century, when one ancestor of the present peer spent himself in the cause of Charles I. Another was attainted by James II., and lived to serve his successors.

Ian Maclaren once wrote as a Christmas greeting: 'Be pitiful, for every man is fighting a hard battle.'