

The House of Kenmare

In the course of his speech at the recent carnival in Killarney, the Right Rev. Dr. Mangan said: That we are holding a fete in the midst of all these beautiful surroundings is due to the kindness of the noble Earl of Kenmare. We may differ in some things, but there is one principle in which the noble House of Kenmare—and I say it unhesitatingly, and I am pleased to have the opportunity of saying it publicly—has set an example to us all, and that is in its unswerving devotion to the principles of Catholicity, through all the vicissitudes, and all the changes, of many centuries. They have been as true to their faith as the needle has been to the pole, and I think I may say that the Catholic traditions of the House of Kenmare are in safe keeping in the hands of the present noble earl.

The Holy Father's Jubilee

Messrs. Johnson, Dublin, have exhibited a collection of 23 magnificent chalices made by the direction of the Countess of Kenmare as a jubilee present for the Pope from the women of the South of Ireland. The chalices are copies from a beautiful Irish chalice of the fifteenth century. Each is silver gilt throughout. The Countess of Kenmare has also forwarded two chalices from the ladies of Tralee, which are replicas of a chalice dug out of a bog near Tullamore eight or ten years ago, and recognised as an Irish work of the early fourteenth century.

KILDARE—The New University

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare, in the course of an address delivered during his visitation to Phillipstown, declared there were two conditions indispensable to the success of the new University Act, as far as rural Leinster was concerned. The first was the establishment of a residential college in Dublin in which youths from the country parts should be lodged and subjected to reasonable discipline for at least two years, and the second was the provision of a generous scheme of scholarships by the County Councils. He would have no hope for the fulfilment of the second condition until the first was complied with. If all went to all, and no amount of pressure succeeded in making the Government do its duty in that respect, let it restore the Royal Hospital to the Catholic people of Ireland, and they would see to its equipment, maintenance, and management. Unless that condition were satisfied in some way, he ventured to prophesy that the Dublin College, in which they were all so deeply interested, would consist almost exclusively of medical students and Dublin residents.

KILKENNY—Parliamentary Representation

Mr. Nicholas J. Murphy, M.P. for South Kilkenny, yielding to the generally expressed wishes of his constituents, does not intend to persist in the resignation of his seat in Parliament. He has written to Mr. John Redmond and Captain Donnellan, Chief Whip, intimating his change of view, and stating that he will be prepared to resume his parliamentary duties after the recess.

TIPPERARY—A Sad Accident

A sad accident took place on the second day of the Dublin Horse Show. Captain Gough, of Fethard, County Tipperary, was riding a horse along the drive which runs parallel with Anglesea road, when he suddenly fell to the ground. Dr. Lane, of Ballickmoyler, County Carlow, happened to be in the vicinity at the time, and hastened to the fallen gentleman's aid. On examining him, he found that he was dead. The sad event occasioned a profound impression on those who were near at the time, and the news of it as it subsequently reached the visitors in other parts of the show caused widespread regret. The deceased gentleman was about sixty years of age, and was a second prize winner at the show.

WATERFORD—A Tasmanian Visitor

Miss Reidy, a niece of the late Brigadier-General Thomas Francis Meagher, was on a visit to Waterford from Tasmania during August. She was the guest of the Mayor and other leading citizens at a reception at the Granville Hotel, which is built on the spot where the house in which her distinguished uncle was born originally stood.

WICKLOW—A Welcome

Mrs. Power, the recently-married daughter of Mr. John Redmond, M.P., and her husband, Dr. Power, spent a portion of their honeymoon at Aughannagh, County Wicklow, where they received a great welcome from the people of the district. They were met at Woodenbridge station by a band and a torch-light procession, and all the houses in Aughrim were illuminated in honor of the wedding. An address of welcome was presented, and speeches delivered, to which Dr. Power and Mr. Redmond made suitable responses.

People We Hear About

Hon. William Dillon, brother of Mr. John Dillon, M.P., has been chosen Dean of the Lincoln College of Law of St. Ignatius College, Chicago.

Justin McCarthy, in a letter on the death of Alfred Webb, says: 'No Irish patriot who ever laid down his life for his country was more devoted to the cause of Ireland.'

The famous Gaelic scholar, Kunō Meyer, a German, has been appointed to the new Celtic chair at Liverpool University. Professor Meyer is considered the most erudite Gaelic scholar in the world to-day.

The entrance by the Earl of Wemyss into his ninety-first year has brought to the public remembrance another nonagenarian peer in the person of Lord Gwydyr. This venerable peer was present, it may be recalled, not only at the coronation of the late Queen Victoria, but at those of her two immediate predecessors—George IV. and William IV.

The Earl of Newburgh, a Catholic nobleman, who died in Rome on August 3, in his ninety-first year, was a Roman Prince (Sigismund Guistiniani Bandini) as well as a British Earl. He had an uncle a Cardinal. His British title came to him from his mother, the eighth Countess of Newburgh in her own right. She in turn was descended from King Edward I. There are heirs to the title.

Madame de Navarro (Mary Anderson) entered on her fiftieth year on Tuesday, July 28, and the statement is borne out by documentary evidence of her birth at Sacramento in 1858. Twelve of those years—from her sixteenth to her twenty-eighth—were spent on the stage. But the glamor of the footlights soon palled. Miss Anderson settled down to a calm life at old-fashioned Broadway, a quaint spot in the heart of England, where there is an American colony to keep green the memory of Mme. de Navarro's native land.

Lord and Lady Bellew, who recently celebrated their silver wedding, have long been among the most popular of the Irish nobility. Lady Bellew is the eldest sister of Sir Humphrey de Trafford, and consequently a member of one of the most ancient of English Catholic families. But from her early married days she has completely identified herself with the interests of her adopted country. Indeed, both Lord Bellew and she pass the greater portion of their time at their Irish seat, Barneath Castle. Lord Bellew is one of the few Irish Catholic peers who have been elected to a seat in the House of Lords by their brother peers. Lord and Lady Bellew have no children, and the heir presumptive is his lordship's brother, Major George Bryan, who is himself a considerable landowner, having succeeded to his mother's fine property of Jenkinstown, in Kilkenny.

The Rev. F. C. Kolbe, the able and talented editor of the *Catholic Magazine for South Africa*, announces his retirement from the editorial chair at the end of this year. Father Kolbe has edited our South African contemporary for a period of eighteen years, during which time he has done splendid work for the faith in his native land. His retirement will probably mean that the *Catholic Magazine* will cease publication, and leave the whole of South Africa without a Catholic organ. There is some talk of starting a weekly Catholic paper in Capetown, but many are of opinion that it would not be a financial success. Dr. Kolbe, who is a recognised authority on educational matters, intends to devote himself, for a time at least, to visiting the Catholic schools in various parts of South Africa, and giving such assistance to teachers as would help them to keep more in touch with the educational world. Dr. Kolbe, who is a son of a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, was born in 1852. After a course of study in South Africa, he entered the London University, where he obtained first class honors in mathematics, jurisprudence, and Roman law. Having been received into the Catholic Church, he entered the English College, Rome, in 1877, and was ordained for the English mission; instead, he returned to work among his own people in South Africa in 1882. The devoted son and his father occupied for some years the same district, the one as a priest, the other as a Protestant clergyman. Dr. Kolbe has long been a leading figure on South African platforms, especially in connection with movements for the extension of educational facilities. General Sir William Butler, in one of his works, describes Dr. Kolbe as 'one of South Africa's greatest sons.' He is the author of several works, while his reputation as a botanist and geologist stands among the highest in South Africa.

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