

period of three and a half months had elapsed since the assizes were held, and in the interval only two cases had occurred which would go before them. Those two cases came from near Ballinrobe, and so far as his Honor knew, the rest of the county appeared to be in a quiet and orderly condition, which was very satisfactory.

TIPPERARY—Important Land Sale

Through the combined efforts of the Rev. T. Dooley, Silvermines; Rev. T. O'Donoghue, Templeberry, and Rev. Father Murphy, Ballinahinch, negotiations have been completed for the transfer of the estate of Lord Dunalley, the second largest estate in Ireland, and containing 21,000 acres with 500 tenants, under the provisions of the Land Act of 1903, to the occupiers.

Cultivating Catholic Support

Right Rev. Dr. Archdall, speaking at the seventy-second annual meeting of the Tipperary Protestant Orphan Society in Nenagh, said there was a danger that the Government would some day seek to deprive them of their small schools, and it was desirable in the interests of religious education, that these schools should be retained. They had the assistance of the Catholic Episcopate in that matter, for the Catholic Bishops were very anxious to retain their schools in the interests of denominational teaching, and in them the Church of Ireland had its most potent supporters. The Church of Ireland had, therefore, on account of the enormous population of Catholics, a very powerful safeguard in the matter, and they should try to cultivate Catholic support. They were quite prepared to give the Bishops of the Catholic Church credit for kinder feelings than existed in former days, and certainly he felt that the Protestant population were more reasonable in their views of the Catholic position.

TYRONE—An Eloquent Representative

Cross the House once more to the Irish benches, the home of witty oratory (writes the author of some Parliamentary 'sketches' in the *Daily Mail*), and you will find a young Irishman who is destined to uphold the reputation of his countrymen and to make fame for himself. Mr. T. M. Kettle, member for East Tyrone, is still in the twenties, and is already one of the most fascinating speakers in the House of Commons. He is dark-haired and bright-eyed, and he has that peculiar irresistible Irish sparkle which softens even the hearts of the most bitter opponents of the Nationalists. Mr. Kettle is a barrister, but he has no legal dryness. He is the born orator, and not the man made into an orator by passionate conviction or the stress of circumstances. Wit and humor, denunciation and appeal, come from him, not merely fluently, but always with effect; while a rich and pleasant brogue sets off a deep musical voice. One of Mr. Kettle's finest speeches was on the occasion of the second reading of the Women's Suffrage Bill. 'Mr. Speaker,' he cried in his richest accent, 'they say that if we admit women here as members the House will lose in mental power.' He flung a finger round the benches. 'Mr. Speaker,' he said, 'it is impossible.' The House roared with laughter. 'They tell me that the House will suffer in morals. Mr. Speaker, I don't believe that is possible either.' Enthusiastic applause greeted him. Up above the reporters the occupants of the Ladies' Gallery were leaning forward delightedly, hardly to be restrained by the rules of the House from applauding. Rarely has the House had a more appealing picture than that of this dark-haired 'broth of a boy' defending the cause of the ladies with all the gallantry and wit of his native land.

GENERAL

A Handsome Offer

Mr. J. Devlin, M.P., speaking at Queenstown last week on his return from the United States, said that an Irish-American had guaranteed £20,000 towards the Home Rule Parliamentary Fund.

The Thanks of the Hierarchy

Speaking recently at a dinner at University College, Stephen's Green, the Archbishop of Tuam referred to the new Universities, and said the Bishops of Ireland had taken as they were bound to take, the deepest interest in the promotion of higher education in Ireland; and, what was more, he knew that for the last 25 years, at any rate, they had always ungrudgingly lent their best exertions in every practical way they could to bring about a satisfactory settlement of the question of higher education in Ireland, and he thought he was bound to say that the settlement of the question was to them mainly due. If the Catholic Bishops were listless or indifferent, the question would not have been settled on the lines on which it had been settled. He took that opportunity of expressing his thanks and, he must say, the thanks of the Bishops of Ireland as a body to Mr. Birrell for his strenuous exertions in getting the Bill passed through Parliament.

People We Hear About

The Rev. Henry Sebastian Bowden, who delivered the opening address to the Anglo-Italian Literary Society at Burlington House, was in early manhood an officer in the Army, but for many years past he has been one of the best-known Fathers of the Brompton Oratory. He has filled the office of Superior of the Oratorian Community in South Kensington. He is the author of a work on Dante and another on the religion of Shakespeare, as well as a number of historical and biographical publications.

The Dowager Marchioness of Bute, Gwendoline Mary Anne Fitzalan Howard, is the eldest daughter of the first Lord Howard of Glossop by his first wife, who was the only daughter of the Hon. George Talbot, brother of the Earl of Shrewsbury. In 1872 she married the late Marquis of Bute, the ceremony at the Oratory bringing together an assembly such as perhaps had not till then been seen in a Catholic church since the Reformation. Cardinal Manning officiated, and Mr. Disraeli signed the register, along with a quartet of dukes.

Professor Rutherford, the winner of the Nobel Prize, who was banqueted at Stockholm last week, is a native of New Zealand. He was born in 1871, and after a distinguished career in the New Zealand University he proceeded to Cambridge, where he obtained his M.A. degree in 1893, with first-class honors in mathematics and physics. Obtaining a scholarship in connection with the last exhibitoin, he prosecuted research in the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge. In 1898 he was appointed Macdonald Professor of Physics at the McGill University, Canada, and while there made important discoveries in the properties of radio active elements, his publications including *Radio-activity* and *Radio Active Transformations*. In 1904 he delivered the Bakerian lecture before the Royal Society, and last year was appointed to Manchester.

The Rome correspondent of the *Catholic Weekly* tells of a strange adventure which befell the late Cardinal Mathieu, of which he was fond of relating to his friends. He had registered at a well-frequented Paris hotel, where he was unknown, and during his absence an attendant had the curiosity to look in his portmanteau, which was unfastened. There he saw several articles of church plate, a jewelled stole and mitre, and other insignia of the Cardinal's office. Just at that period the depredations of a gang of church robbers was creating much stir in Paris, and the servant persuaded himself that he had made a happy discovery of one of the culprits. He instantly communicated his suspicions to the proprietor, who was already somewhat mystified about his guest. The commissary of police was sent for, and informed that 'a man, clean-shaven, and of mysterious manner, was staying at the hotel, whose baggage was full of church plunder.' That official promptly arrested the Cardinal, despite all his protestations; and it was only when the Prefect of Police, M. Lepine, came upon the scene, that the unfortunate mistake was made clear. Every apology was offered, but the Cardinal took all in good part, and thoroughly enjoyed the humor of the situation.

General Sir William Butler celebrated his seventieth birthday on October 31, and received many congratulations on the occasion. Sir William Butler was born at Suirville, Tipperary. He was educated in Ireland and joined the 69th Regiment in 1858, just half a century ago. The Red River revolt of 1870 gave him the opportunity of showing his daring as a scout, in penetrating to Fort Garry in advance of the Wolseley expedition. He also served in the Ashantee War of 1873, in the Zulu War, and in the Nile Expedition. He was made a Brigadier-General in 1885, and was knighted the following year. In 1890 he became Major-General, and held successive commands at Alexandria, Aldershot, Dover, and South Africa—the last a military office which he made memorable by his efforts to avert a racial war. His warning to the British Government not to underestimate the fighting strength of the Boers was unheeded, with the result that in the early days of the campaign the British troops suffered many defeats. Sir William Butler was married to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, the famous painter of the 'Roll Call,' by Cardinal Manning in 1877. He is the author of several works dealing with his travels in various parts of the world. Of recent years he has done much for religion and education by delivering lectures and presiding at functions in various parts of Ireland.

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