

tion for Ireland, gives the following particulars regarding the export of eggs from Ireland to England:—In 1904 there were 677,000,000 eggs sent to England, valued at £2,257,000; in 1907, 801,000,000 were exported, valued at £2,920,000. Thus in the short space of four years the exports have increased by 124 millions of eggs, the increase in value being £663,000. In regard to value, Ireland now holds first place as an exporter of eggs to Great Britain.

The New Land Bill

Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P., in the course of a letter to a friend in Enniscorthy on certain features of the new Land Bill, says: On the question of finance, it must not be forgotten that so far, at any rate, as the fifty-two million pounds of completed agreements are concerned, the Government accept the proposal by the Irish Party in the report of their committee, by throwing the entire cost of flotation on the Treasury, and they lift the entire liability for the whole Land Purchase transaction from the ratepayers. You are aware that, as the law at present stands, this loss, amounting to something like £20,000 a year for 68½ years on every £5,000,000 of stock raised at current price, falls directly on the ratepayers of Ireland after the Development Fund has been exhausted. This fund is now practically exhausted, and unless a new Act of Parliament be passed this liability cannot be evaded by the ratepayers. You, no doubt, have also noticed that what are called incidental expenses are also taken over by the Treasury. You will see how real an advantage this is when you remember that these incidental expenses for one year amounted to £70,000, and were actually levied off the County Councils.

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People We Hear About

Mr. James Brand, K.C.S.G., and J.P. for Glasgow, who has given the generous sum of £1000 for the building of a hall for the Caledonian Catholic Association, is the head of the well-known engineering firm of James Brand and Co. Mr. Brand was the contractor for the Glasgow Subways, and his work in that connection was a feat of engineering skill. He served on the Council of the Catholic Union in 1901, and was a member of the Catholic Union deputation to Pius X. on his accession to the Pontificate.

Mr. Charles Quin, the 'Glasgow man' who has won £300 in the *Answers Anagram Competition*, is a Glasgow man by adoption, but is Irish by birth, being a native of Pomeroy, Tyrone. He taught in St. Francis' School, Glasgow, as a pupil teacher, and was trained at St. Mark's College, Hammersmith, where he took his schoolmaster's certificate. He taught for a time in St. John's, Glasgow, prior to taking to journalism. Mr. Quin wields a facile pen, and has written some poetry which has attained more than local note.

Professor John Swinnerton Phillimore, Professor of Humanity at Glasgow University, and one of the large band of 'distinguished converts,' is the son of Admiral Sir Augustus Phillimore, and was born in 1873. His education was received at Westminster School and Christ Church College, Oxford, where he took the Chancellor's prize for Latin verse, and also Hertford, Craven, and Ireland scholarships. He became a lecturer at Christ Church in 1895, and was Professor of Greek at Glasgow University from 1899 until 1906, when he was appointed Professor of Humanity. In 1905 he was received into the Church.

Father John Gerard, S.J., the distinguished Catholic litterateur, is the eldest son of Colonel Archibald Gerard, J.P., D.L., of Rochsoles, and brother of the late General Sir Montague Gerard. Father Gerard was educated at Stonyhurst College, where in later years he was for some time Prefect of Studies. From 1897 until 1900 Father Gerard occupied the position of Provincial of the English Province of the Jesuits. He has twice held the editorship of the *Month*, to which he is a constant and welcome contributor, and in other directions also. Father Gerard has wielded a forcible pen.

Mrs. de Navarro (Mary Anderson) arrived in New York on December 21. She is on a visit from England with her husband and her twelve-year-old son and three-year-old daughter. In an interview she gave some advice to young girls contemplating a stage career. 'I would not advise the average young girl to seek the stage,' said Mrs. Navarro; 'only those who are possessed of great talent are able to enjoy the fruits of their efforts.' The life of the mediocre actress is very hard and unsatisfactory. Young girls would do better to seek employment as teachers or in other lines. She returns in the long run will be more satisfactory, both in happiness, health, and financially.'

Mr. Hilaire Belloc, M.P. for South Salford, the well-known Catholic author and litterateur, is partly French, his father being a French barrister. His early education was received at the Oratory School, from which he passed to Balliol College, Oxford. At that time he was a French citizen, and his scholastic career was broken in order that he might serve in the French Army. In 1902 he naturalised as an Englishman, and he is now one of the most brilliant of the literary profession in London. He is a frequent contributor to the London press, and has written several popular books. He is a member of the Catholic Education Council.

A special memorial meeting of the American Institute of Architects in memory of the late Augustus St. Gaudens was held on December 15 in the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington. Among the speakers were President Roosevelt, the British Ambassador, the French Ambassador, and the Japanese Ambassador. Secretary Root presided and spoke briefly. Mr. Bryce, the British Ambassador, referred to the fact that St. Gaudens was partly of Irish stock and born in Dublin. 'Whatever share of the honor of having produced this great artist may be due to Ireland,' he said, 'I am bound to claim it, because Ireland, considering how small a country it is, has given birth to an unusually large number of persons distinguished in literature and science, as well as in the public life of the British Isles and of America.'

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