

to Ireland he died at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Knockaney, County Limerick, after a lingering illness, borne with calm resignation.

Bishop O'Dwyer on Nursing the Sick Poor.—At a meeting held in Limerick, in support of the movement for the nursing of the sick poor, under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer presided, and in the course of an address on the work of the Association said that this work of the Nursing Association was one of the youngest of their religious institutions in the city, and his Lordship was happy to say that it was very flourishing, and in his humble opinion it was one of the most beneficent. The work had been, by God's blessing, extended at a great rate during the past year. The nurses in the one parish of St. Michael told his Lordship that they had actually 28 cases between the two of them to visit. Thus there was a full and hard day's work for the nun and the lady who was joined with her in nursing these poor people. Consider those 28 homes, and what kind of comfort and physical help those nurses are giving. Then there was more than that. The sickness in which the nurses visited the poor was often the very last sickness. It was the knocking of God at the door to call the poor human soul to Himself when life was over. If it was a great act of charity to give them food and to give them their medicine and to help them to recover, how infinitely greater it was, when recovery was impossible and when they were going to their last account, to help them to prepare for that awful time. That was what the nurses did. They gave to the poor people, not only physical, but spiritual help, and they prepared their poor houses to receive the last Sacraments with some virtue and respect. He remembered his experience while a curate in that parish—the fearful squalor he met with, and the difficulty he had in finding a single square foot of cleanliness from which he could administer to the people. Their nuns could alter a great deal of that, and when the clergy came to administer to the people they would find the house prepared for them, and some outward sense of reverence for our Divine Lord shown. For all these reasons he was satisfied that there was nothing in the city that deserved so well the help that they had been giving the Association, and which help he trusted they would continue to give in the future.

Lord Emly and the Commission of the Peace.—Some time ago the cableman informed us that Lord Emly was deprived of the Commission of the Peace on account of some remarks he made regarding the South African War. This was not the case. Lord Emly's offence was that at a labourers' meeting at Kilmallock he was reported to have said that if they had not come in their numbers and with blackthorns to the Road Sessions they would not have succeeded. The Lord Chancellor is stated to have asked Lord Emly to deny, qualify, or explain this language, and Lord Emly having declined to do so, has received a communication from the Lord Chancellor depriving him of the Commission of the Peace.

SLIGO.—Death of the Father of the Bishop of Elphin.—The death is announced of Mr. Martin Clancy, Ballygrania, Collooney, County Sligo, father of the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin. The funeral of the deceased gentleman, who was widely respected, was attended by a large number of priests and a vast concourse of people from the district.

The Penal Laws.—The Mayor of Sligo (Mr. E. J. T. Tighe) has given notice that at the next meeting of the Corporation he will move a resolution to the effect that the Irish members of Parliament be called upon to use their best endeavours to have revoked a clause in the 'Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829,' which holds every Jesuit, friar, and monk in the Kingdom criminals in the eye of the law.

TYRONE.—The City of Clogher.—The most unique city in the three kingdoms is Clogher, situated in the south of Tyrone. It is an episcopal city, consisting of a single street with houses only on the one side. There is a saying: 'All on one side like Clogher.' The other side of the street is occupied by the wall and overhanging trees of the Macartney's demesne, which gives the place a very picturesque appearance.

TIPPERARY.—A Magistrate's Commission Cancelled.—Mr. Kendal E. O'Brien, of Cashel, states that he has been removed from the office of Justice of the Peace of County Tipperary, which he held as chairman of the Tipperary No. 1 Rural District Council, on the ground that he refused to verify a newspaper report of two meetings—one of the District Council and one of the Board of Guardians—at which resolutions expressing sympathy with the Boers were reported to have been passed. He was 'pulled up,' he adds, for merely presiding at the first meeting, and 'worse still,' for seconding a resolution at the second meeting.

GENERAL.

An Irish Fair to be held in New York.—According to our American exchanges the Countess of Aberdeen was in New York recently for the purpose of making arrangements for an Irish fair to be held in New York in April, under the auspices of the Irish Industries Association. Should nothing interfere with Lady Aberdeen's plans there will be an influx into New York next April of peers and peeresses. Prominent among the proposed managers are: The Countess of Cadogan, president of the association; Lady Audry Buller, wife of General Sir Redvers Buller; Lady Betty and Miss Balfour, the Prime Minister of England, the Countess of Carnarvon, the Duchess of Marlborough, the Countess of Kenmare, the Countess of Arran, the Countess of Mayo, the Marchioness of Londonderry, the Viscountess de Vesci, Lady Inchiquin, the Lady Mayoress of Dublin, the Duchess of Abercorn, and Lady Wolseley. While in the United States the managers of the fair will be entertained by the American delegates to the last International Women's Congress.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL, HASTINGS.

(From our own correspondent.)

A MOST enjoyable entertainment was given by the pupils of St. Joseph's Convent on the eve of their breaking up for the Christmas holidays. The chair was taken by the Mayor of Hastings (W. G. Dennett), and Mr. A. L. D. Fraser, M.P., for Napier, was also present. An apology was received from Captain Russell, who was absent through illness. The programme was as follows:—Action song, infants; song, boys; pianoforte duet, Misses A. Schaeffer, M. Maloney, R. Shattky, and L. Aldridge; tableau, 'Britannia'; action song, junior pupils; Irish jig, Master J. McCarthy; fairy bell dance, junior pupils; recitation, Miss N. Poppelwell; tableau, 'Faith, hope, and charity'; hoop exercises, junior pupils; recitation, Miss N. Poppelwell; tableau, 'Fairy land'; action song, senior pupils; pianoforte duet, Master O'Reilly, Misses Shattky, Lena and Cissy Aldridge; tableau, 'four seasons'; sailor's hornpipe, Masters F. Vickers and C. Dewston; fan drill, senior pupils; play, 'Mrs. Willis's Will,' the characters in which were sustained by Misses Lily Vickers, Rose Bransch, Mary McGrath, Nellie Poppelwell, and Frances Doherty. It would be invidious to single out any item for praise where all were so creditably performed, suffice it to say that the unanimous decision of those present was that the high order of the entertainment reflected the greatest credit on the good Sisters, who had evidently devoted much time and labour to coaching the pupils to such a degree of excellence.

The Mayor having made a few kind remarks to the children, Mr. Fraser delivered a stirring speech on the Catholic question of Education, and promised his kind assistance and stout support whenever such matters were being discussed in the House. The Very Rev. Father Smyth thanked Mr. Fraser for his expressions of sympathy with the Catholic cause, and the Mayor for having so kindly presided.

Father Smyth, who takes such a lively interest in the school, presented the prizes, and congratulated both the teachers and the pupils upon the success achieved by the school during the past year.

The following is the prize list:—

Dux.—Boys—Alfred Elwood; girls—Nellie Poppelwell.
Standard VI.—Boys—Gregory Lee; girls—Genevieve Moroney.
Standard IV.—Boys—Alfred Elwood 1, John Heaney 2; girls—Nellie Poppelwell 1, May Ellesley 2.
Standard III.—Boys—Charlie Dewston 1, Michael McCarthy 2; girls—Philomena Allison 1, Lylie Blake 2, May Moloney 3.
Standard II.—Boys—Frank O'Reilly 1, John Downes 2, Emmett McIvor 3; girls—Lizzie Murphy 1, Ruby Shattky 2, Sarah Muddell 3.
Standard I.—Boys—John McQuirk 1, Charlie Downes 2, Timothy O'Connor 3; girls—Teresa Stack 1, Alice Heaney 2, Mary Gilhooley 3, Ruby O'Neill 4.

Christian doctrine.—First grade—The Cullen Memorial medal, John Maggin 1, Leslie Harker 2; girls—Nellie Poppelwell. Second grade: Boys—Michael O'Brien; girls—Philomena Allison 1, Lylie Blake 2. Third grade: Boys—Willie Simmons 1, John Downes 2; Patrick Carroll 3; girls—Maggie White 1, Nellie Musgrove 2, Kathleen O'Brien 3. Fourth grade: Boys—John Sullivan 1, John McQuirk 2, Willie Coghlan 3; girls—Annie Hickey 1, Mary Casey 2, Mary Cosgroves 3. Fifth grade: Henry Diamond 1, Edward Casey 2, John Hourigan 3; girls—Lena White 1, Nellie Windle 2, Gertie Kearns 3.

Special prizes.—Singing, Willie Black; sewing, Lucy Ellesley; art needlework, Mary Kelly; music, Cissy Aldridge; attendance, John Sullivan, Horace Sullivan, Thomas Sullivan, John Maggin, Thomas Aldridge, Albert Aldridge, Frank O'Reilly, Willie Simmons, May Conway; school discipline, boys—Alfred Elwood, Thomas Aldridge, Michael Keans; girls—May Conway, Lena Aldridge, May Maloney, Kathleen Crowley.

Lyttelton Times says:—"Gawne and Co., the manufacturers, of George street, Dunedin, send us a sample of their Worcestershire Sauce, made like Lea and Perrin's "from the receipt of a country nobleman," who must have been a fastidious feeder, and Gawne and Co. must have got the same receipt, as their sauce is indistinguishable from the famous Lea and Perrin's. People who like a relish with their meats—and what man does not—should be grateful to that anonymous country nobleman for spending his time in experimenting to such good purpose.—"

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