

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—Presentation to the ex-Lord Mayor of Belfast.—Sir Otto Jaffe was on October 30 the recipient of an address and portrait in recognition of his services as Lord Mayor of Belfast during the year 1899. A representative body of gentlemen assembled in the Town Hall to join in the compliment to the ex-Chief Magistrate, and the list of subscribers to the testimonial included citizens of all chief denominations. Sir Otto (says the *Belfast Weekly*) did his duty as a citizen to the best of his ability, and with an honest desire to maintain the best traditions of the office. He has a right to feel gratified at the honor done him by his fellow-citizens, who judge of the worth of a Chief Magistrate not by isolated mistakes but by the whole tenor of his office.

CORK.—Naval Activity at Queenstown.—A Queenstown correspondent states that a naval pier is to be constructed at Castle-town. At Bere Island the fortifications are being rapidly completed, and in Cork Harbor naval and military stores are being accumulated.

CLARE.—A Small Calendar.—The County Court Judge at Ennis had only to direct the Grand Jury with reference to one case, and that a miserable charge of larceny. And yet Clare has been repeatedly held up to the people of Great Britain as an awful example of criminal depravity.

The First Chairman of the County Council.—The Secretary of the Clare County Council has presented that body with a fine portrait of the late Mr. M. A. Scanlon, the first Chairman of the Council.

DONEGAL.—Annual Reunion of Donegal Men in Glasgow.—The Donegal men in Glasgow gave enthusiastic testimony of their Catholic and patriotic spirit on October 23, when 3000 of them assembled in the City Hall for their annual reunion, and listened to an eloquent and forcible address from the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe. His Lordship said it was of the utmost interest to Christianity that Ireland should be contented and prosperous, but this could not be unless the drain of wholesale emigration was stopped, and the demon of intemperance prevented from enslaving the people.

DUBLIN.—Proposed Presentation to Mr. T. D. Sullivan.—Arrangements are being made in Dublin for the presentation of an address and testimonial to Mr. T. D. Sullivan on his retirement from Parliament, and in recognition of his prolonged services in connection with Irish literature and politics. At the preliminary meeting the chair was occupied by Mgr. Byrne, P.P., V.G., D.D., Dean of Armagh. Promises of support and co-operation were received from several influential gentlemen throughout the country.

GALWAY.—Death of the Mother of Four Jesuit Priests.—A lady belonging to one of the oldest and most respected families in County Galway has just passed away in the person of Mrs. Daly, of Daly's Grove (maiden name Miss Dolphin, of Turoe). The funeral was attended by a large number of the clergy and laity, the poor especially testifying their love and gratitude to 'the old mistress.' Four of Mrs. Daly's five sons are Jesuit priests—Fathers Hubert, Oliver, James, and Francis Daly. One of her daughters is a nun at Rhyl. Her eldest son is Mr. Peter J. Daly, of Daly's Grove, and her eldest daughter is married to a Belgian gentleman, the Baron de Coppin.

Death of a Galway Man in Philadelphia.—Mr. William O'Brien, who died in Philadelphia on September 20, was signal-master on the cruiser Raleigh during Dewey's great victory in Manila Bay. He had been in the American Navy 25 years; was born in Galway, in whose Queen's College he graduated. His wife, who was a daughter of the late Mr. Michael Cooney, of Claremorris, County Mayo, survived her husband but 15 days.

KERRY.—The Representative for the Western Division.—Mr. T. O'Donnell, the new M.P. for West Kerry, has arranged for a series of meetings in his constituency, at which he will speak only Irish. This is only as it should be, for in West Kerry it is said over 80 per cent. of the people are Irish-speaking.

Death of a Killarney Lady.—General regret was felt in Killarney on the announcement of the demise at her residence, Convent View Hotel, of Mrs. Julia O'Mullane, after a very long and painful illness borne with Christian fortitude. The deceased, who belonged to a very old and respectable family, was always generous and charitable to the poor, whom she assisted by every means in her power, and was a devout Catholic.

LIMERICK.—Silver Jubilee of the Catholic Literary Institute.—The silver jubilee of the Catholic Literary Institute, Limerick, was celebrated during the last week in October. Looking over the long years during which the Institute has flourished, one cannot but feel regret that so many of those who participated in the foundation of the Institute have passed away. Still, there remain the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Mr. Richard O'Shaughnessy (formerly Member of Parliament for Limerick), and some others. Father O'Dwyer, as the present Bishop was then familiarly called was the heart and soul of the movement in its initial stages.

Swindling a Pawnbroker.—Mr. Robert Parker, pawnbroker, Limerick, has been the victim of a very clever swindle by telegraph. A wire for money, purporting to have been sent by his son in London was answered by a telegraph order. A similar request was responded to in the same way. The following day Mr.

Parker found that his son was in Belgium, and that the wires had come from a clever swindler.

A Former Resident Mayor of Capetown.—The Limerick papers express satisfaction that the Mayor of Capetown for the current term is Mr. Thomas J. O'Reilly, stockbroker. Mr. O'Reilly, who is son of the late Gerald O'Reilly, Upper Gerald Griffin street, Limerick, was the first Catholic elected to that important office some years ago, and represented Capetown, for a number of years in the Legislative Assembly.

LOUTH.—Death of an Aunt of the Late Lord Russell.—Sincere regret was felt in Dundalk when it was reported that one of the oldest members of the local community of Sisters of Mercy had passed away. The deceased nun, who was a sister of the late Dr. Russell, of Maynooth, and an aunt of the late Lord Russell, of Killowen, and of Father Matthew Russell, S.J., entered the Order of Mercy in 1852, a few years after the establishment of the Dundalk Convent, and was professed in 1864.

SLIGO.—Appointment of Crown Prosecutor.—Mr. R. J. Kelly, J.P., B.L., the author of a recently-published digest of the Act constituting the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and of several other legal treatises, has been appointed junior Crown Prosecutor for Sligo. Mr. Kelly, who is a Catholic, is also a journalist, being proprietor and editor of the *Tuam Herald*.

Death of an Old Resident of Cliffoey.—Wednesday, October 16, was a sad day in Cliffoey, County Sligo. A familiar figure was laid to rest in the old cemetery of Ahamlish, Mr. John Hannon, for 40 years beloved and respected in the parish where his life's work was done. Deep was the regret for the departed, first on the part of his numerous family and relatives; secondly, on the part of the poor tenants and workmen, who felt that by the death of the Master, as he was lovingly called the country over, they had lost a friend who was ever sincere, sympathetic, and practical; thirdly, amongst the host of men with whom he had business transactions.

TYRONE.—Death of an Army Officer.—The death is announced of Colonel Armor G. Lowry, J.P., Farlough Lodge, Newmills, in his 68th year. The deceased officer saw a great deal of war service, having served at Alma, Inkerman, and Sebastopol, and the attack on the Redan.

WATERFORD.—A Successful Student.—A student of St. Mary's Preparatory College, Waterford, Master E. Fleming, has received an exhibition of £20 from the Commissioners of Intermediate Education. Amongst his class-mates last year at St. Mary's were Masters D'Eamond and Denis O'Connor, of whom the former carried off an exhibition of £20, whilst the latter this year gained conspicuous distinction at the Oxford Local Examination. He was too young last year to compete for the Intermediate.

Landlord and Tenant.—Addressing his tenantry at Dromore, County Waterford, Captain Villiers Stuart said that from the signs of times he believed that before another generation had passed away there would be a great change in the relations between landlord and tenant in Ireland—in fact, their relations would no longer exist.

WICKLOW.—Sale of the Parnell Estate.—In the Land Judges' Court, Dublin, recently, before Mr Justice Ross, the house and demesne of Avondale and portion of the lands adjoining were put up for sale. Chief interest, of course, centred in the sale of the house, at one time the residence of Mr Charles Stewart Parnell. The bidding for the mansion house and lands of Avondale was first proceeded with. The purchaser was Mr Boylan, William street, Dublin—stated to be a friend of Mr John Howard Parnell—to whom the property was sold at £8000.

GENERAL.

Presentation to the Holy Father.—The committee of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland are to present the Holy Father with an illuminated address and a beautifully bound volume of the society's publications. The presentation will be made by the Most Rev. Dr. Healey, Bishop of Clonfert (president), who will be supported by Mr Rochford, hon. secretary.

Derelict Farms.—A cable message received last week stated that the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland had declared that there are 731 farms in the province of Munster from which the tenants had been evicted. One-fifth of these farms are derelict and the rest are occupied by the police who protected the tenants. The juries refused to convict in intimidation cases, and he advises a change of venue and special juries to deal with such cases. This is altogether contrary to the opinion of the Attorney-General for Ireland, who, in a speech delivered recently in Belfast said: 'They (the Government) had been condemned and accused of allowing Ireland to remain in a state of anarchy, and had heard a lot about crime in this country, but he said that there was never so little crime in Ireland, either agrarian or non-agrarian, than at the present time. There were in the whole of Ireland only 32 cases of boycotting, and yet if they believed what was said by the *Daily Express* they would imagine that farmers in the South of Ireland were in terror of their lives, and that in Mayo and Kerry no one could purchase an evicted farm. At the time the *Express* spoke of, farms were being taken at the rate of six a month, and 110 had been taken until January, 1898, when the United Irish League came into existence. Mr Justice Andrews had stated that in Mayo things were very peaceful, and there was not the slightest difficulty in letting grazing land. There was a lot of talk about William O'Brien's United Irish League and the duty of the Government to put in force the Crimes Act, but these views were favored only by politicians who could not see beyond their own noses.'