

GALWAY.—Diocese of Clonfert

The parish priests of Clonfert met recently to select three names to be forwarded to Rome in connection with the vacant see. Archbishop Healy presided. Father Cunningham, the Vicar-Capitular, assisted at the vote. Father Bowes, P.P., Woodford, received seven votes, which gave him the 'Dignissimus' place. Dean Gilmartin, of Maynooth, was 'Dignior,' with six votes; and Father Cunningham, Vicar-Capitular, 'Dignus,' with four votes. Dr. O'Dea, of Maynooth, had three votes, and Father O'Donovan, Loughrea, had one vote. The five names were forwarded to Rome.

A Memorial

Archbishop Healy unveiled a handsome new pulpit in St. Michael's Church, Ballinasloe, recently. The pulpit has been erected in memory of the late Father Costello, who was for fifteen years administrator in Ballinasloe.

MAYO.—A New Judge

Mr. Morphy, B.L., has been appointed County Court Judge of Mayo. It was thought that this post, which was rendered vacant by the death of the late Judge Dane, would go to either Mr. Moore, M.P., or Mr. Gordon, M.P., both of whom were understood to have claims for place on the present Ministry. No doubt the result of the Fermanagh election kept the Government from provoking any other electoral contests in Ireland at present. The new appointment does nothing to redress the religious inequality displayed in the appointments to the Irish Judicial Bench. Judge Morphy is a Protestant, and an ascendancy man of the regular 'True Blue' type.

MEATH.—Death of a Judge

Judge Dane died at Trim, County Meath, on March 22. The Judge was at one time member for North Fermanagh, and was strongly Conservative in politics.

ROSCOMMON.—An Action in Abeyance

The statement has been published that in view of the better feeling engendered in Ireland by the Land Conference, the action taken by Lord De Freyne against Mr. Redmond, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Dillon, and a number of other popular leaders, arising out of the agitation on the De Freyne estate, has been, for the present, held over. The expectation is that the coming Land Bill will bring about such a harmonious condition of matters as will lead to mutual peace. Should this prospect be realised, it is expected that his tenants would make over to Lord De Freyne the £1600 or so which they hold in a 'War Chest,' and that Lord De Freyne on his part would restore to their holdings the evicted tenants on his estate.

TIPPERARY.—A Windfall

A laborer in the Annacarthy district is reported to have come in for a substantial windfall of £16,000 from an aunt of his who died recently in France. It is stated this lady was married to an English officer, who on his death left her a lot of money, and subsequently to a French officer. The lucky heir is a poor man with a grown-up family.

WATERFORD.—The Aishop's Return

On his arrival home from the Eternal City the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan received a 'cead mile faolta' from the citizens of Waterford. Replying to an address of welcome from the Municipal Council, he said it was a thing to live for to witness on March 3 under that wondrous dome of St. Peter's the splendor of the religious observance, the magnificence of the gathering, and the enthusiasm that marked the entire occasion. In the course of a sermon in his cathedral Dr. Sheehan said that during his visit to Rome he had the inestimable privilege of seeing the Holy Father three times, and there was little more trace of feebleness about him than there was ten years ago. His Lordship referred to an interview he had had with the Pope, in which the latter spoke kindly of the Irish people.

WESTMEATH.—Five Score and Ten

The death is announced of Patrick Molloy, Tara, Bunbrugga, Westmeath, at the age of 110. Deceased was a stonemason. He retained his faculties to the last.

GENERAL**Visitors to the House of Commons**

The Bishop of Raphoe (Dr. O'Donnell), Sir Anthony MacDonnell, the Assistant Secretary of State for Ireland, and Mr. Horace Plunkett, all of them members of the Irish Congested Districts Board, were among the visitors to the Lobby of the House of Commons on the occasion of the introduction of the Irish Land Bill by Mr. Wyndham.

St. Patrick's Day in Rome

A number of distinguished persons were invited to dinner at the Irish College, Rome, on St. Patrick's Day, amongst those present being his Eminence Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli, Bishop of Palestrina; the Most Rev. Mgr. Edmond Stonor, Titular-Archbishop of Trebizond; Right Rev. Charles Stanley, Right Rev. Mgr. Pardini, Titular-Bishop of Zama; Mgr. Riggi, Mgr. Giles, Rector of the English College; the Very Rev. Prior Dowling, O.P., of St. Clement's; the Rev. Father Walsh, O.S.A., Assistant-General; Rev. Robert O'Keefe, O.S.A.; Rev. Father Dowling of the Carmelite Order; Commendatore William O. Christmas, Dr. J. J. Eyre, Signor Austide Leonori, Judge Curran, and Mgr. Vecchia.

People We Hear About

The Holy Father has conferred the Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great on Mr. John Boyd Harvey, of Tondou House, Tondou, Glamorganshire.

Surgeon-Major-General William Roche Rice, M.D., C.S.I., late Director-General of his Majesty's Indian Medical Service, died on Friday, March 27. Father Joseph B. Ward, of Brighton, gave him the last Sacraments. The deceased was a member of a well-known Kerry family.

In a recent issue of the 'N.Z. Tablet' we mentioned that Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., had forwarded a box of shamrocks to President Roosevelt for St. Patrick's Day. The President, in acknowledging the present, wrote as follows to Mr. Redmond: 'The shamrocks have come, and I thank you for them. You are very good to have thought of me. By the way, I have just been reading Lady Gregory's translation or paraphrase of the old Erse epic, "Cuchulain of Muirmethne"—Heaven forgive me if my spelling is wrong—and I am delighted with it.'

In connection with the Land Bill it is interesting to read that the young Marquis of Conyngham, who will come of age this year, is the largest landowner in Ireland. Lord Conyngham's estate, according to the last return issued, embraces 129,846 acres in Donegal, 20,059 in Clare, 9634 in Meath, and 38 in Limerick, and with nearly 10,000 acres in Kent, he has a grand total of 173,314 acres. Lord Conyngham, who will sit in the House of Lords as Baron Minster, lives at Slane Castle, Meath, the house where his ancestor entertained George IV. 'All the old beds in the county were begged and borrowed,' we read (says the 'Daily Chronicle') in the account of the Royal visit, and the Chancellor, we are told, 'was so bitten by fleas on the first night that he departed next morning in a rage.'

In an article on Paris correspondents, Mr. John Bell writes in the current issue of 'Cassell's Magazine':—'One of the most versatile of Paris correspondents is undoubtedly the representative of the "Daily Chronicle," Mr. Clifford Millage, who has represented his paper for twenty-five years. He was originally intended for the Catholic priesthood, and had a most successful collegiate career at Ushaw, Louvain, and Rome, in which city he became a Doctor of Philosophy. He, however, abandoned the idea of the priesthood, but still retained his religious convictions. He is a friend of most members of the Vatican diplomacy (who were his college friends), and is generally looked upon by the Catholic hierarchy as the best-informed journalist on ecclesiastical matters.'

When Mr. Redmond first joined the Irish forces in the House, a Nationalist's opportunities for taking an active part in the business were much more numerous than his lieutenants find them to-day. His own maiden speech was a very brief one, and was delivered under extraordinary circumstances. He was returned for New Ross—Sir Charles Gavan Duffy's old constituency—on January 31, 1881: he took the oath and his seat on February 2, and was one of the batch of Irish members expelled on the evening of February 3 for declining to leave the Chamber on a division for the expulsion of one of their fellows. It was on being asked to withdraw that Mr. Redmond made his maiden speech. It was very brief, but expressive: 'As I regard the whole of these proceedings as unmitigated despotism, I beg respectfully to decline to withdraw.' Then he was removed.

The death is reported of Mrs. Mary A. Sadlier, the well-known Catholic writer, who passed away at Montreal, Canada, on April 5. Although 83 years of age, Mrs. Sadlier, up to a short time ago, was able to continue her literary labors and at different times her personal reminiscences furnished material for interesting articles. Her long illness was borne with remarkable Christian fortitude. She retained possession of all her faculties right up to her last moments, and took part in the different religious services. At her deathbed were Rev. Father Turgeon, rector of St. Mary's College; Sir William Hingston, and the members of her family. Mrs. Sadlier was the daughter of Francis Madden, of Cootehill, County Cavan, Ireland, where she was born December 31, 1820. She began her literary life at the age of 16, and when barely 18 began to contribute to 'La Belle Assemblée,' a London magazine, published under the patronage of the Duchess of Kent. She left Ireland in 1844, and two years later married James Sadlier, of the firm of D. and J. Sadlier, publishers, of New York, Boston, and Montreal. Her life was largely spent in New York, and it is there that she did some of her best work. One of her first works was a collection of traditional stories, published in Montreal, entitled 'Tales of the Olden Time.' In one of her numerous tales of Irish immigrant life and adventure, called 'Eleanor Preston,' there are some sketches of Lower Canada rural life and scenery. Mrs. Sadlier's literary works may be divided into three classes: Firstly, the historical Irish romance, of which 'Confederate Chieftains' was most widely known, and considered the best of all her works; secondly, her didactic and religious works, original and translated, such as 'De Ligny's Life of the Blessed Virgin,' and 'The Life of Christ,' both from the French; and thirdly, a line of fiction, the romance of Irish immigration, in which she was considered unrivalled. Among the latter are 'Willy Burke,' 'The Blakes and Flanagan's,' 'Con O'Regan,' 'Eleanor Preston,' and 'Aunt Honor's Keepsake.'