

Mary's, New Ross, by the Sexton and archaeologist, Wm. Condeil, while the latter was opening up a grave alongside what was the old burying place of the Nevill family. The tombstone is of a fine kind of granite, and sets forth in a Latin border inscription that it was laid to the memory of John Nevill, Sovereign of Ross, who died in 1637. At one end of the stone are shown the arms of the Nevill and Ruthe families, John Nevill being married to Mary Ruthe, of New Ross. Along the centre face of the stone appears the various emblems of the Passion, the Sacred Heart, the scourges and other instruments of torture, the dice, the thirty pieces of silver, the thieves, etc

Successful Gathering

Ennisceorthy was en fete to welcome the thousands who came for the great Feis. The entries for the Feis totalled close on 2000, so that two most enjoyable days were ensured. In the solo, quartet, female choirs, mixed choirs, and country choirs competitions much interest was centered, whilst a very keen contest was witnessed in the dancing. The literary and historical competitions induced nearly all the schools in the country to enter the lists, and, of course, the Irish language was paramount. Two large concert halls were secured for the prize-winners' concert, when the local talent was assisted by Mr. Owen Lloyd, Mr. Clandillon, Miss Binnie, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Flood. On the whole, the Feis was a pronounced success.

GENERAL

Emigration

During the first four months of the present year the Irish immigrants to American ports amounted to 7200, as opposed to 5000 during the corresponding period of last year. A recent canvass made by a gentleman in the steerage of the White Star Cymric of the Irish passengers elicited the fact that over 75 per cent. of these immigrants from Ireland were induced to leave their native land on the solicitations of friends and relatives.

United Irish League

The annual Convention of the Irish League of Great Britain was held in Liverpool on May 30, Mr T. P. O'Connor presiding. It was reported that the League was making rapid progress. Mr O'Connor laid it down as a principle that members should support Home Rule candidates irrespective of religious or educational views. A discussion took place on alleged hostility to the League by some of the Catholic clergy, and the executive committee were instructed to take steps to meet all efforts to retard the progress of the organisation. Mr. O'Connor was re-elected president, and Mr P. A. McHugh vice-president. It was resolved to arrange for a fitting testimonial to Mr J. F. X. O'Brien, M.P., who has retired from the general secretaryship after 13 years' service.

Irish Poplin

It is understood (says 'New Ireland') that initial steps have been taken for obtaining legal advice with the view to the prosecution of some London firms for fraudulent trading in Irish poplin. It has been noticed that in many shops a feature is made of prominently displayed ties stamped 'Irish poplin,' and particularly so since the movement in favor of supporting Irish manufacture began to make headway. Now, while a considerable trade is done with the genuine article, it is well that intending purchasers should be warned against the unscrupulous trader and see that the article he is supplied with bears the name of the Irish maker. The trade in Irish hosiery was practically ruined in London some years ago through similar agencies, and as in the case of Balbriggan goods, so it may be with Irish poplin. There is a great field in London for Irish manufacture of all kinds, and it behoves Irish manufacturers to stir themselves, and take such measures for the protection of their interests in the English market as will put an end to this practice of fraudulent trading in Irish goods.

The Land Bill

On the Land Bill being reported in the House of Commons, Mr T. M. Healy congratulated Mr. Wyndham on the genius, skill, and courage with which he had conducted the measure. The Bill was read a third time by 317 to 20. Mr. J. E. Redmond complimented Mr. Wyndham on passing the measure, and said the measure was a good one, and likely to bring peace and prosperity to Ireland. Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman declared that the Bill would result in a social and political revolution.

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People We Hear About

Colonel de Coubertin, the French officer who resigned in connection with the recent expulsion of monks of the Grand Chartreuse, has been placed on the 'retired' list.

General O'Connor, who has been distinguishing himself as a servant of France in Algeria, is a Parisian born and is at present about 56 years old. He originally belonged to the crack corps of the Second Empire called the 'Guides,' and fought in the Franco-German war.

When the last mail left London Mr. Michael Davitt, who had been in Russia investigating the facts surrounding the persecution of the Jews for an American paper, had left Warsaw on his return journey to Ireland. He succeeded in visiting Kishineff, and his adventures in Russia are said to have been full of interest.

The Great Western Railway Company of England has decided upon the appointment of a traffic manager in Ireland, which position has been conferred upon Mr. E. J. O'B. Croker, general manager of the Cork, Bandon, and South Coast Railway. The salary attached to the position is £1000 per annum.

Miss Agnes Clerke, author of 'Problems in Astronomy' and other scientific works, has been elected an honorary fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. She was born in the west of County Cork. Her father was a member of a well-known family there. Her mother, a gifted and highly-cultured woman, was a sister of the late Lord Justice Deasy. Miss Clerke is a noteworthy example of home education, all her early studies having been carried on under the direction of her parents.

The Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is a very simple-living, hard-working old man. Always appearing in uniform, he does not go in for either good clothes or good eating. His meals are more details than necessities, and often luncheon is served to him at his desk as he sits working at State papers. Even on hunting trips he cannot escape from official business, and it is necessary for him to rise about five o'clock in the morning to get through a day's work.

It has taken four years for the Colonial Office to publish a despatch from the Governor of the Gold Coast relating to the heroism of a Dublin doctor in sucking a poisoned wound caused by an arrow. The wound was received by Captain Pamplin Green in fighting against a savage tribe in the northern territories of the Gold Coast in September, 1899, and Dr. Garland, amid a hail of arrows, sucked the wound for seven or eight minutes, and saved the Captain's life. Dr. Garland is well known in Dublin.

Sir William Harcourt has pleaded guilty to absent-mindedness, and tells a story against himself. He suspected a man-servant of stealing money, and at last resolved to set a trap. Taking a handful of gold coins, he laid them down on his writing-desk and went out. Presently he sent this servant to the room to fetch some article. When John had returned he promptly went to his room to see if the coins had been touched. On the table, in the place where he had left them, were gold coins. But were there as many as he had left? He did not know, for he had neglected to count them before he had laid them down. 'By this incident, you see,' said Sir William, in telling the story, 'that I was born to be Chancellor of the Exchequer.'

Mr Edward Martyn, who figured so prominently in the scene caused at the Mansion House meeting by Mrs. McBride, is a member of an old West of Ireland family who preserved the faith in times when the Catholic religion was proscribed and outlawed. He is a man of marked literary tastes, and is much devoted to music of the true ecclesiastical order, maintaining out of his own purse a Palestrina choir in the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin. The Martyns, of Tillyra, County Galway, and the Martyns of Curraghmore, County Mayo, are kinsmen. A member of the latter family, the Rev. J. A. Martyn, is a priest of the diocese of Westminster, being at present rector of the mission of St. Francis of Sales, Tottenham. In the time of O'Connell, Geoffrey Martyn, of Curraghmore, was deprived of the Justiceship of the Peace for joining the Loyal National Repeal Association. It was shortly afterwards restored to him. He was a landlord of great culture and popularity in the county.

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