

the spectacle in the streets of Dublin to-day, and the Phoenix Park, the Government will any longer refrain from utilising in this way for the defence of Ireland these splendid fellows. Short-sighted people think that to utilise the Volunteers in this way might lead to a slackening of the volume of recruiting. I take exactly the opposite view, and my view is shared by all those of my acquaintance who know Ireland best.

It is gratifying to know that at this moment, at the very least, a quarter of a million of the sons of Ireland are with the colors. I have no particle of doubt in my mind that, as they suffer, their gaps will be filled by their gallant fellow-countrymen at home, and it is ridiculous to say that the employment of some thousands of Volunteers on home defence will interfere with this taking place. I think that the spectacle of order and discipline in the ranks of the Volunteers to-day, and of the enthusiasm, good order, and sobriety on the part of the enormous crowds that lined the streets and the Park ought to impress everybody with the fact that Ireland is quite alive to the serious character of this war crisis, and to what her duty is under the circumstances.

WEDDING BELLS

CLEARY--LYNSKEY.

A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Kaiapoi, on April 27, when Miss Annie Lynskey, youngest daughter of Mr. Michael Lynskey, late clerk of the Magistrate's Court, Kaiapoi, was married to Mr. Frank Cleary, eldest son of Mr. L. J. Cleary, Napier. The Very Rev. Dean Hyland officiated, and also celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. Michael Lynskey, Christchurch), was daintily attired in a dress of saxe blue crepe-de-chine, with hat to match, and she carried an ivory-bound prayer-book. The bridesmaid was Miss Hilda Nottingham (niece of the bride), whose dress was a pretty cream color. The best man was Mr. Peter Amodeo, of Christchurch. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold brooch set with pearls in the shape of a true lover's knot, and to the bridesmaid a handbag. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a gold cross. The happy couple received many valuable presents, including a number of cheques. Among the presents was a complete set of cutlery from the Government Life Insurance staff. The breakfast was held at the residence of the bride's father. The toast of the 'Bride and bridegroom' was proposed by the Very Rev. Dean Hyland; other customary toasts being duly honored. The happy couple left by motor car for Akaroa, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride's travelling dress was a navy blue tailor-made costume, with a black velvet hat and furs to match.

M. Melot, the eminent Parliamentary representative of Namur, who had been received by the Sovereign Pontiff and Cardinal Gasparri last November, was granted another audience by the Holy Father on April 4. According to the Rome correspondent of the *Paris Journal*, who interviewed him, M. Melot was most favorably impressed by his visit. He pointed out to the French journalist that, ever since his election as Pope, Benedict XV. has constantly affirmed the immutable laws of the Church on the inviolability of right, and has on various occasions condemned the abuse of force. He has also condemned the philosophical teaching which substitutes brute force for right. M. Melot added—'As for the Catholic teachings relative to the laws of war, the article recently published in the *Civiltà Cattolica*, which was evidently approved by the Vatican, contains a complete statement. Everyone who reads that article, in the light of the facts of the present war, known to-day, will find the implicit condemnation of the abominable methods employed by the German Government and generals.'

'Oh, would some power the giftie gie us,
To see ourselves as others see us!'

People We Hear About

Cardinal Farley, Archbishop of New York, was seventy-three years old on April 20.

Surgeon-General Thomas Maunsell, C.B., received the degree of LL.D. (*Honoris Causa*) from the National University at a meeting of the Senate just held in Dublin. General Maunsell entered the Catholic University on the day it was opened by Cardinal Newman, in 1854.

Captain Joseph Peter Lalor, who is one of the Victorian officers killed in the war, was a son of Mrs. Lalor, of 'Vaucluse,' Richmond, and of the late Dr. J. Lalor. His grandfather, the late Mr. Peter Lalor, M.L.A., was the leader of the miners at the Eureka Stockade insurrection at Ballarat in the early 'fifties. He was afterwards Speaker of the Victorian Legislative Assembly. Captain Lalor was educated at Xavier College, Kew, where he was a student from 1892 till 1899. He was an accomplished linguist, and had travelled extensively. He had seen considerable active service abroad. He was 30 years of age, and leaves a wife and son, who are at present in England.

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Maguire, Archbishop of Glasgow, was the chief speaker at a gathering held in the Athenaeum Hall, Glasgow, to celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of King Albert of Belgium. The audience was mostly composed of Belgian refugees, and the meeting was presided over by Mr. P. S. Dunn, the Belgian Consul for the West of Scotland. The Archbishop, who at the outset spoke in French, paid a handsome and memorable compliment to the Belgian King. 'Strip him,' said his Grace, 'of his crown and robes and you will find a man.' From a simple, peace-loving monarch, living a quiet domestic life, King Albert has become a hero, taking his place in the trenches and mixing among his soldiers he and his noble wife. She was, of course, a German, but she had forgotten that; she was a Belgian now. In this country we were also fortunate in having a good King—George V.—with a lofty sense of duty and example to us all. His Grace concluded: 'Your sons and our sons have died together on the field of battle. I believe the friendship between the two countries will never be broken. Long live the King and Queen of Belgium and the noble Duc de Brabant.'

All through the war the Queen of the Belgians has shown remarkable bravery, and the 'doing good' which has always been a feature of her character has never once been interfered with. Her Majesty is a good musician, and the gift she thus possesses she shares generously. She shows herself as ready to play for the poor as for the King, who is, like herself, a lover of music. From her father, who specialised as an oculist, she learned much medical lore and gained a practical knowledge of hygiene and nursing. This knowledge is always at the people's disposal. In 1903 a great mining accident brought death and suffering to many houses in the Borinage. On the very day of the accident a motor car carried a gentle lady to the house of the stricken ones. Her words brought consolation to all before they discovered that she, who entered alone and spoke to them so simply, was the Queen. In one house a miner lay whose arm was badly damaged, and who was in imminent danger of blood-poisoning. With none but the miner's homely wife to aid her, she dressed his wounds and bandaged them, and returning speedily to Brussels, she dispatched to him her own doctor, whose ministrations saved his life.

Lost, stolen, strayed—gone none knows where,
'Twas with me yesterday, I do declare.
It racked my chest, my head was sore;
It's gone, I'll never see it more.
What? Not a cough? Yes, yes, for sure;
Lost when I used Woods' Peppermint Cure.

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