

his wife. This distinguished gentleman is a native of Waterford.

WEXFORD—More Political Than Sectarian

Mr. Peacocke, a non-Catholic who was elected unanimously vice-chairman of the Wexford County Council at the annual meeting, in returning thanks, said the action of the council in electing him to the vice-chair cut the ground from underneath the feet of the opponents of Home Rule, who cry about the interests of religion was more political than sectarian. That was his view as an old man mixing with the people. The fact of the council electing him from amongst the minority gave force to the present movement in favor of legislation for the country, and not only that, but it gave everyone to understand the generosity of the majority towards the minority. It gave a stability to the National movement, and he hoped all would work together under the leadership of the Irish Party for the sake of the country. In proposing the co-option of Lord Stopford, Gorey, on the Council, Mr. Fanning said they were all aware that Home Rule was now imminent. Difficulties in the way were disappearing day by day. The chief difficulty that prevailed amongst their Protestant fellow-countrymen, the Unionists, was that under Home Rule they would be persecuted. Of course, everyone knew they would not be persecuted. To remove any uneasiness that might exist in the county in that direction, he thought that Lord Stopford should be co-opted. Lord Stopford was then elected.

GENERAL

To'eration in the South

In the *Westminster Gazette* of June 12 'A Presbyterian' writes as follows:—"The attempt is constantly being made by a certain section of Irish Protestants to lead their co-religionists in England to believe that Protestants in the South of Ireland are badly treated by the Roman Catholic population, and that this ill-treating would be intensified under Home Rule. How is it, then, that the Presbyterian population is shown by the census to have increased in Leinster and Munster? At a public breakfast given in Belfast to members of the Presbyterian General Assembly the other day, the Rev. Thomas Brown, of Bandon, Co. Cork, made a statement which ought to be widely known on this side of the Irish Sea. He spoke of the goodwill shown to Presbyterian ministers and those of other Protestant denominations by their Roman Catholic neighbors. And he added: "Last week at the Poor-Law elections in Cork, Miss Day, a Protestant, was returned at the head of the poll; in Bandon the Earl of Bandon, a Protestant, was chairman of the Town Commissioners; in Kinsale, Mr. David Acton was chairman, and he was also a Protestant; while in Skibbereen the same pleasant conditions existed, the chairman there, Mr. William W. Wolfe, being another Protestant." These facts speak for themselves."

Sympathy with the Church in Portugal

At a meeting of the Hierarchy at Maynooth College, on June 20, the following resolution, with regard to the persecution of the Church in Portugal, was passed:—"That as the Bishops of a people who have known what it is to suffer for the Faith, in whose solidarity we are united with all Catholics throughout the world, we join our voices to the voice of the Supreme Pontiff in earnest protest against the atrocious aggression on religion that is in progress in Portugal. We deeply sympathise with our brother-Bishops, their clergy, and flocks in that country now face to face with an avowed campaign to despoil, enslave, and overthrow the Church; and we rejoice at the determination that has been shown to uphold the principles of faith and true liberty, be the cost what it may."

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People We Hear About

A new weekly paper, under the direction of Mr. Hilaire Belloc and Mr. G. K. Chesterton, has made its appearance in London. It is called the *Witness*.

Lady Emly, the wife of a peer whose family has been connected with Ireland for many generations, has been elected chairman of the Limerick Board of Guardians.

Colonel Pryce-Jones, Conservative member for Montgomery Boroughs, has declared that if there were no party questions he would follow Mr. Lloyd George blindfold, for he regarded him as the greatest intellectual genius Wales had ever produced.

Ladies have done well in the Poor Law Elections in Ireland. In Cork three of the four lady candidates headed the polls in their respective wards—Miss Murphy, Miss Day, and Mrs. Barry. There are upwards of 40 ladies who are P. L. Guardians.

A London paper remarks that Lord Chief Baron Palles, who is probably the oldest Judge in the United Kingdom, is now in his 80th year, and is still regarded as one of the ablest men on the judicial bench in the United Kingdom. Chief Baron Palles is a Catholic, an old Jesuit boy, and was a Liberal in politics, but he is first and last a Judge, a man really of judicial temperament, and as free from bias as humanity may remain. He is the 'Last of the Barons,' that title no longer being applied to the holder of any judicial office.

Sir Joseph McGrath, who has been made a knight, is Registrar and Member of the Senate of the National University since 1908. He was one of the secretaries of the R.U.I., and has been honorary secretary of the Clongowes Union since its foundation in 1897. He is one of the honorary secretaries of the Royal Dublin Society. Sir Joseph, who was educated at St. Stanislaus' College, Tullabeg, is a graduate of London University, and was called to the Irish Bar in 1892.

Sir Reginald Arthur Egerton, C.B., who was included in those on whom Coronation honors were conferred, is Secretary to the General Post Office, Dublin, since 1897. He is the fifth son of the Rev. Sir Philip Grey-Egerton. He entered the Civil Service (General Post Office) in 1868, and was, in 1886-1891, second private secretary to the Right Hon. H. C. Raikes, Postmaster-General. He was received into the Catholic Church in 1878.

Among the Irishmen on whom honors were conferred at the Coronation was Colonel Sir Nugent Everard, whose name is so intimately associated with the re-birth of the tobacco-growing industry in Ireland. He is Lieutenant for County Meath and a J.P. for the county of which he was High Sheriff in 1883. He is the eldest son of the late Captain Richard Everard and Matilde Arabella, daughter of Le Marquis d'Amboise. He was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, of which University he is an M.A. He is an Hon. Major in the Army and Lieut.-Col. and Hon. Colonel late commanding 5th Battalion Prince of Wales' Leinster Regiment.

The Right Hon. Michael Francis Cox, who has been made a Privy Councillor, is a distinguished Dublin medical man, who was born at Kilmore, County Roscommon, in 1852. He was educated at St. Mel's College, Longford, and at the Catholic University. Dr. Cox is the holder of many distinctions, medical and other. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, M.D. hon. causa of the R.U.I., Fellow of the Royal Academy of Medicine, a Senator of the National University, and Governor of the Catholic University Medical School. He is a member of the First Governing Body of the Dublin College in the National University, and was elected Chairman of Convocation last year. Apart from his professional distinctions he is the author of interesting works on *The Irish Horse* and *The Country and Kindred of Oliver Goldsmith*.

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