

of flowers and accompanied by the Marquis of Comillas. They were followed by workmen from Aragon in the dress of their province. With the men who followed the standard of the Virgin del Pilar were the former Ministers, Señor Maura and Señor Lacierva. The sailors of the Trans-Atlantic Company also formed a picturesque group. Next came soldiers and the representatives of the Corps Diplomatique. The representatives of the confraternities and of the parishes of Madrid were very numerous, and carried an amazing number of banners. Behind them passed the representatives of the great military orders, the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of St. John of Jerusalem and of Calatrava and Santiago in their rich medieval uniforms. Next came the Seminarists and the clergy of all orders and ranks; it is estimated that the priests numbered at least 1000. They were followed by the Chamberlains of Cape and Sword, the Canons of the Cathedral, and the Bishops.

The Blessed Sacrament was borne in a magnificent *custode* of massive silver surrounded by an escort of soldiers upon a carriage. As it approached the word was passed along to the soldiers lining the route, and all bent the knee as the Holy Eucharist passed them. Behind the *custode* walked the Cardinal Legate, followed by a company of cuirassiers, and the Royal State carriage drawn by eight superbly caparisoned horses.

The Beauty of the Decorations in the streets almost baffles description. And the decorations were continuous. Following the example of private persons, the corporation and the great business houses had lavished a wealth of care and taste upon the suitable adornment of their buildings.

In the Plaza de Castellar before Guttierrez's splendid Fountain of Cybele a halt was called. An altar had been erected upon which the Cardinal Legate placed the Monstrance, whilst the Seises from Seville performed their wonderful dance to the accompaniment of their own chanting. After Benediction had been given, the procession moved on again till at last at half-past seven the Plaza in front of the Royal Palace, which had been adorned with rich tapestries, was reached. The King and Queen, Queen Christina, and the Royal Family, were in waiting at the entrance, and holding lighted tapers accompanied the Blessed Sacrament to the Throne Room, where a priest read the Consecration of Spain to the Holy Eucharist. The Cardinal Legate then proceeded with the Blessed Sacrament to the principal balcony, from which he gave Benediction to the kneeling crowds outside.

It was a great and impressive moment from the profound silence which reigned and the unmistakable devotion displayed by all, and so a fitting conclusion to an International Eucharistic Congress held in the Capital of Spain, the country of the Blessed Sacrament.

As to the number of the men who took part in the procession, it was estimated at between 50,000 and 60,000. The *Heraldo* of Madrid sets down the number at 100,000.

King Alfonso was so delighted and impressed with the Congress that he telegraphed to the Pope to express his satisfaction and to congratulate his Holiness upon the success of the demonstration, at the same time soliciting the Apostolic Benediction. In this connection it may be mentioned that Queen Victoria and the Infanta Luisa took part in the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which was held in the Church of the Escorial, and received Holy Communion at the hands of the Cardinal Legate. His Eminence also telegraphed to the Pope to acquaint him with the wonderful success of the Congress, and especially of the procession.

She didn't belong to the "Smart Set,"  
But she turned night into day,  
And smoked, while others were sleeping,  
Cigarettes, I'm sorry to say.  
She tried some Woods' Great Peppermint Cure,  
Her asthma to forget.  
And now she's a brand "New Woman,"  
And an ardent Suffragette!

## THE KERRY TRAGEDY RECALLED

Under the above heading the *Irish Independent* of a recent date has the following:—

The death of Mrs. Mary Poff (nee Barrett), which has occurred at her residence, Castleisland, at the age of 98 years, recalls the tragedy enacted in Tralee Gaol on January 23, 1883—twenty-eight years ago—when her son, Sylvester Poff, and her nephew, James Barrett, were hanged for the murder of Thomas Browne, of Dromultin, a crime in which, to use their own dying



THE LATE MRS. POFF.

protestation on the scaffold, they 'had neither hand, act, or part.' Their innocence has since been placed beyond doubt. The martyr mother, who had to face the awful ordeal of having her son, then the father of a young and helpless family, and her nephew, hanged for a murder they knew nothing of, was a fine type of the respectable farmer's wife. We may add that the deceased lady had many friends and acquaintances in various parts of the Dominion. The photograph which we reproduce is supplied to us by her son.

## The Late James Boylan, Auckland

The funeral of the late Mr. James T. Boylan on July 8 was (writes a correspondent of the *Auckland Herald*) an incident having connection with Auckland's history which few of Auckland's present population can recollect. The late Mr. Boylan (who came of an old Irish family, dating back as far as the 12th century), after pursuing his studies at Trinity College, Dublin, came to Auckland in the year 1847. Shortly after arrival he was called upon to enrol in the militia force then organised, and had to take his part in common with others. In 1849 Mr. Boylan became a member of the original committee appointed to deal with the erection of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and was elected a member of the first Provincial Council, upon which Council he subsequently represented City West for many years. During his long residence in this city Mr. Boylan held many other civic positions, among them being those of inspector of Mental Hospitals, a member of the Hospital Board (of which Sir George Grey was a member at the same time), one of the Commissioners of the Albert Park, chairman of the Auckland Harbor Board in the early seventies, vice-president of the Auckland Savings Bank, inspector of abattoirs, and a member of the original committee of the