

was assisted by Fathers Boniface and Francis. The Abbot-elect was assisted by the Right Rev. Abbot Maurus, of Mount Melleray, and the Right Rev. Abbot Edmond, an American religious. The ceremony, which was deeply impressive, lasted two hours, and was followed throughout by the congregation with the closest attention. At its conclusion Right Rev. Dr. Fogarty conducted the new Lord Abbot to the throne, where he intoned the 'Te Deum,' the entire community joining in it.

WEXFORD—A Memorial to Michael Davitt

Mr. J. L. Doyle, at the U.I.L. meeting near Enniscorthy, said that he trusted the first public function that the Ministers of the coming Irish Parliament would be called on to perform would be to unveil a fitting memorial to Michael Davitt, that noble but humble peasant, the founder of the Land League.

WICKLOW—The Campaign of Calumny

At a public meeting held in Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow, on October 22, Mr. John Redmond said the Home Rule Bill was not only in course of preparation, but was almost completed. Both in its principles and in its details it would be a Bill satisfactory to Ireland. He clearly understood the conditions that were necessary to make a final settlement from the financial as well as from the political point of view, and he would ask his colleagues to refrain from criticising until the moment came, from which they were now separated only by a few weeks, when the Bill in all its details would be before the Irish public. He asked the Nationalists of Ireland to help to wreck the campaign of calumny which had been started. If he found a case of religious intolerance on the part of Catholics anywhere he would denounce it, and he requested the members of the United Irish League to send him particulars of every case which had been used in England to prove that they in Ireland were an intolerant people.

GENERAL

Remarkable Longevity

The death is announced of Patrick Gillespie, of Glenngivney, Lower Merville, Innishowen, who had attained the patriarchal age of 120 years. For the first nine years of his life he lived under the authority of the old Irish Parliament in College Green.

The death took place about the middle of October of Mrs. Dolan, mother of Mr. Andrew Dolan, Stonebridge, near Clones, at the age of 110 years. Deceased spent a life of industry, and was blessed with good health, and had a vivid recollection of all the stirring events of the past century.

The death has occurred at Bangor, Co. Down, of Mrs. Christie, at the great age of 103 years. During the early part of October seven old Bangor residents passed away. Their ages aggregated a total of 652 years.

In Favor of the Voluntary Principle

Speaking at North Shields, Mr. T. P. O'Connor said that if, in the coming Home Rule Bill, provision was made for safeguarding Protestant civil and religious rights in Ireland, the Irish Party would support it. The Irish party would also support a provision against the establishment of the Catholic or any other Church, because they believed the voluntary principle was the life-blood of religious fervour and spirit.

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People We Hear About

Mr. John Cassidy, whose design for a statue of King Edward has been accepted by the Manchester memorial committee, is a native of Slane, Co. Meath. Mr. Cassidy now occupies a prominent position among the sculptors of England. When completed the memorial will be the largest bronze statue in the United Kingdom. Mr. Cassidy executed the Statue of Queen Victoria which now stands in front of the Royal Jubilee School in Belfast.

A prominent light of the Irish revival is Mr. Shane Leslie. He is all, perhaps, that his antecedents and ancestry might have precluded him from being. For generations the Leslie family have been landlords in County Monaghan, Protestant in religion and Tory in politics. Shane was born heir to the old estate and of an English mother, through whom he is related to that most brilliant of all rising statesmen in England to-day—Winston Churchill. Of all English families of the passing generation the Churchills have produced the most remarkable galaxy of talented men and women—especially women. Shane may have inherited something of this from his mother; but she in turn must have been one of those who became 'more Irish than the Irish themselves.' Thus born a Protestant, a Tory, and a landlord, he was sent to the English University of Cambridge, of which he is a graduate. On leaving Cambridge he was engaged on Anglican Social Missions in the London slums, and became a convert to Catholicism while working among the Irish poor.

The success of the rebels in China reminds us that the Celestial Empire, one of the oldest of nations, is ruled, if the expression may be allowed, by the youngest of sovereigns. He is a nephew of the late Emperor, and until his accession bore the name of Pu-yi, although the royal astrologers have selected as his official title, Hsuan-t'ung, which means 'General Proclamation.' The boy is delicate in health, and the Chinese are inclined to attribute this to his birth on the unlucky thirteenth day of the first moon. In order to escape the evil influence as far as possible, it has been decreed that his birthdate shall be celebrated on the fourteenth of the month. Further, he is to be brought up more hygienically than his predecessor was. He will have plenty of fresh air, and will not be expected to appear at the midnight audiences which are the fashion at the Chinese Court. His first appearance in public—at his enthronement—was not a success, for he cried loudly; and henceforth his father, the Prince Regent, will attend all official functions alone, will receive dignitaries of State, and offer up the required prayers for snow or rain. But the little Emperor, although relieved from these duties, will not be allowed to forget that he is an official baby. He may no longer live with his own family, or see his parents except in the presence of the whole Court.

The new Solicitor-General for Ireland, Mr. Ignatius O'Brien, K.C., was, in early life a reporter on the staff of the *Freeman's Journal*. The journalist in Ireland certainly gets his share of the honors in the way of judicial preferment, and Mr. O'Brien's promotion continues the usage of years (says the *Catholic Herald*). In due time Mr. O'Brien will no doubt become a Judge in Ireland, and he will not be the first Judge O'Brien who graduated from the Press table to the Judicial Bench. The late Mr. Justice William O'Brien, a Judge of the Irish High Courts, was also a journalist on the *Freeman* in his early years. Mr. M. Bodkin, Mr. George MacSweeney, Mr. E. H. Ennis are other names that readily occur in connection with promotion from the *Freeman* staff to the ranks of Irish Justiciary. There is a double reason why such transitions are rather common in Ireland. In the first place, Irish barristers are prone to journalism. In the second place, Irish journalists are specially keen to become barristers. A former editor of the *Irish News* in Belfast is now Mr. P. J. Kelly, Resident Magistrate, and his successor in the editorial chair in Belfast, Mr. T. J. Campbell, is now a barrister in large practice, who will no doubt come in for valuable legal preferment in due time.