

Irish News

GENERAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Shane Leslie were in Rome recently and were received in special audience by the Pope. They were presented by Mgr. O'Riordan, of the Irish College.

Several employers were prosecuted recently for failing to pay contributions for their workpeople under the Insurance Act. At Kilkenny the Dowager Lady Desart was again fined for refusing to comply with the Act.

The death occurred recently in London of Mrs. Ellen O'Connell, widow of the late Mr. Daniel O'Connell, youngest son of the Irish Liberator. The deceased lady died in her sixty-sixth year. From 1853 to 1863 her husband sat in Parliament as member for Tralee.

From the return issued of the election expenses of the respective candidates in the recent Derry election, it is officially published that the expenses of Colonel Pakenham, the defeated candidate, were £515 12s, and Mr. Hogg, the successful Home Rule candidate, £322 0s 1d.

The Archbishop of Malta wrote to Mr. John Redmond inviting him to attend the Eucharistic Congress. Mr. Redmond replied that he felt highly honored by the kind invitation, but to his regret found it impossible, owing to his public engagements, to be present.

In Sligo Courthouse recently Mr. Henn, R.M., who has retired after a service of twenty-five years, was presented with an illuminated address and a purse of sovereigns by his colleagues, the magistrates of the county and borough of Sligo, the solicitors, and a number of friends. Major C. K. O'Hara, H.M.L., presided, and made the presentation in a short speech, paying a tribute to Mr. Henn. Alderman O'Donnell, the Mayor, referred to the many good qualities of Mr. Henn. The latter briefly replied, thanking his colleagues for their kindness.

THE DOWAGER COUNTESS OF KENMARE.

Amidst abundant manifestations of public regret the funeral took place on March 5 of the Dowager Countess of Kenmare. The remains were conveyed to Killarney, where they lay in state in the private chapel of Killarney House until they were removed to the Cathedral next morning. At 10.30 Solemn Requiem High Mass was offered up for the soul of the deceased. His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Mangan presided. The celebrant was Very Rev. Dean O'Sullivan, P.P., V.G., Tralee. The Absolutions were given by the Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, and the interment took place immediately after in the family vault of Our Lady's Chapel in the Cathedral.

PROPOSED EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

The proposal made some time ago that the Eucharistic Congress of 1914 should take place in Ireland is finding favor in influential Catholic circles, and it seems likely that the suggestion will be eventually put forward in some official form. To meet the objection made that the scheme would involve immense expense, it has been pointed out that if only one penny were subscribed by each Catholic in Ireland—taking the number at 3,000,000—a sum of over £12,000 would be secured. Apart from other obvious considerations, the fact that this year's Congress is being held in the island of Malta, and that it has already been held in Protestant England, it is very fittingly urged that it is time that Catholic Ireland should do something.

THE ULSTER QUESTION.

At a splendid Home Rule demonstration at Artane, Co. Dublin, Professor Kettle said they had given Ulster every safeguard and concession, but they would not grant her a divorce from the rest of Ireland. He agreed that the Home Rule Bill bore the London stamp, but said that it would grow in prestige and

success, that it would be for the welfare of every Irishman, and that it would inflict injustice on none. Not only was there no opposition between national freedom and national prosperity, but political freedom was the only basis upon which they could build a solid and prosperous nation. The Union brought workhouses, emigrant ships, famines, jails, and scaffolds. It suppressed every feeling of pride that ought to find a place in the hearts of the citizens, but the Home Rule Bill would reverse that and plant a proper pride of country in their people and among their exiled brethren.

DECEASED MAYNOOTH PROFESSOR HONORED.

Forty-nine years have elapsed since, on January 16, 1864, were laid to rest in the College cemetery, Maynooth, the remains of a distinguished priest and scientist, Rev. Nicholas Callan, D.D.; and, at length, through the generosity of his Eminence Cardinal Logue and a number of priests of his native diocese, a worthy memorial has been set up to mark his grave. Born at Dromiskin, County Louth, on December 22, 1799, Nicholas J. Callan matriculated in Maynooth in August, 1817, went through the ordinary and Dunboyne courses, and after his ordination proceeded to Rome, where he attended lectures and obtained the Doctorate in Theology in the Sapienza University. In September, 1826, he was appointed to the Chair of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Maynooth, which he occupied till his death, January 14, 1864. Dr. Lennon, his successor in office, writing of him in the *Centenary History of Maynooth College*, says it was chiefly as a man of science that Dr. Callan was known. His merits were recognised far beyond the limits of his college home. He devoted himself particularly to experiments in electricity and magnetism, and made some exceedingly valuable original discoveries.

ST. PATRICK'S BIRTHPLACE.

Canon Fleming examines in the *Westminster Cathedral Chronicle* the vexed question of St. Patrick's birthplace, and maintains that the saint was born at Boulogne-sur-Mer. He says that 'if a census were made to-day of the Catholics inhabiting the English-speaking world, it would be found that more than half the grand total would prove to be either the spiritual children of St. Patrick or of Catholics with Irish blood in their veins, all of whom are indebted to the great Apostle of Ireland for the priceless gift of Divine Faith.'

THE IRISH PARTY.

The annual session meeting of the Irish Party was held on March 10 in the House of Commons. Mr. Clancy proposed, and it was unanimously passed—'That Mr. John E. Redmond be re-elected chairman.'

Mr. Farrell proposed, Mr. Molloy seconded, and it was passed unanimously—'That Captain Donelan and Messrs. P. O'Brien, E. H. Burke, and J. P. Boland be re-elected Whips.'

Mr. O'Malley proposed, Mr. F. E. Meehan seconded, and it was passed unanimously—'That Messrs W. Abraham, J. J. Mooney, and P. A. Meehan be re-elected hon. treasurers.'

Mr. Flavin proposed, Mr. Doris seconded, and it was passed unanimously—'That Messrs. W. H. K. Redmond, R. Hazleton, and T. Scanlan be re-elected hon. secretaries.'

THE PARLIAMENTARY FUND.

The appeal, just issued to the people of Ireland by the National Trustees of the Parliamentary Fund, needs no words of commendation (says the *Irish Weekly*). Our Parliamentary representatives have commended themselves to their constituents; they have won the admiration and applause of the wide world's peoples; they have brought the cause of Irish National Self-Government not merely to the verge of triumph but to the point of assured victory; and the appeal now made by the Bishop of Raphoe, the Leader of the Irish Nation, and their patriotic colleague is not an appeal for the Nationalist Members: it is addressed to the People of Ireland on behalf of Ireland herself.

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