

petual Adoration, Drumshambo, County Leitrim, which took place on March 29—on the same day on which her brother-in-law, Mr. John O'Reilly, was buried in Brockley cemetery, London. Sister Leonard, before entering the religious state, did a woman's part in the erection of the Killarney Friary, and afterwards devoted her life to the work which God pointed out to her as her duty. The Most Rev. Father David Fleming has our sincere sympathy on the death of his sister.

The same paper also reports the death of Mr. John J. O'Reilly, late Surveyor of H.M. Customs, London, which occurred at his residence, Reservoir road, Brockley, London. The deceased was attended in his last illness by the Franciscan Fathers of Forest Gate. The late Mr. O'Reilly was appointed at the age of twenty-one years to an important school in the parish of Killarney, but as the Civil Service offered more scope for his energy, he entered it in 1879. From that time onward his advance was rapid, and without influence or favor he progressed from Examining Officer to Surveyor, which office he held until his resignation. The funeral took place on March 29, when the Most Rev. Father David Fleming, O.F.M. (brother-in-law), assisted by Rev. Father Leidig, of Nunhead, officiated at the graveside. The many telegrams and messages of sympathy received by his sorrowing wife and family from relatives in England and Ireland, from former brother officers, and also from numerous friends in London, bore testimony to the high respect and esteem in which the deceased was held. But there was no keener regret than that felt by those who knew him as a young teacher in Killarney.

The late Sister Leonard was a sister of Mr. P. P. Fleming, Dunedin, and of Mrs. W. J. Mahoney, Hawera.

A SET-BACK FOR A RAILWAY COMPANY.

It is to be hoped the Irish Great Southern and Western Railway Company will profit by the lesson imparted to it in the rejection by the House of Commons of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbors Bill. The Bill, a measure providing for the deepening of the harbor at Fishguard, was thrown out chiefly because of the policy the company pursued during a strike near Malloy, but a contributory cause was a feeling of irritation created by the company's recent decision with regard to the appointment of clerks in the railway service. Some years ago (says the *Catholic Times*) there were complaints that the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, though conducting its business amongst a Catholic population, did not give a fair chance to Catholics who applied for posts vacant in the service. Various public bodies demanded that the appointments should be made by open competition. The company yielded and established such a system. The results proved favorable to the Catholic applicants. In the competitive tests they often did their work in a manner superior to that of the non-Catholics. Lately the company announced that they had not found this method of selection satisfactory and that they had resolved to revive the old system of nomination. There is a widespread suspicion amongst the Irish public that this step has been taken simply because they desire to show special favor to non-Catholics. Unless the company gives the people solid ground for believing that favoritism is not intended, there will be an agitation which certainly will not improve their business or the state of their relations with those around them.

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People We Hear About

The Kaiser completes twenty-five years' reign on June 15. He has expressed a wish that no presents should be made to him in connection with this memorable occasion, and suggested that gifts in his honor might take the form of foundations and presentations for charity.

Count Plunkett, K.C.H.S., has been elected a corresponding member of the Societe Archeologique de France. He represented that society, as well as the Royal Society of Antiquarians of Ireland, of which he is President, at the International Congress of Historical Studies, which held important meetings in London recently.

Mr. J. A. F. Aspinall, who is general-manager of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, and a Catholic, has been nominated as president of the Engineering Section of the British Association at the forthcoming meeting in Birmingham. Mr. Aspinall, who is the son of a former Liverpool Recorder, was from 1875 to 1886 manager of the Inchicore works of the Great Southern and Western Railway of Ireland.

A list of the accomplishments of the Catholic clergy in the world of scientific research would make interesting reading. Cardinal Maffi, Archbishop of Pisa, is the latest experimentalist to have his deeds recorded. His Eminence has been trying to establish wireless communication between the principal churches of Italy, France, and Austria. The wireless installation at Pisa Cathedral has 'spoken' successfully with the Jesuit church in Gratz, Styria, but the military authorities, fearing that the Jesuit wireless station intercepted army messages, ordered its immediate demolition. Cardinal Maffi is striving to convince the authorities that the interception of other messages is impossible, and hopes to be permitted to continue his experiments.

The official announcement of the appointment of Mr. Thomas Francis Molony, K.C., to be Attorney-General for Ireland, in succession to the Right Hon. Ignatius O'Brien, appointed Lord Chancellor of Ireland, has given great satisfaction to his many friends at the Bar, and to the general public. Mr. Molony was born in 1865, and has had a brilliant professional career in all branches of the law. Following his early training in the Christian Brothers' Schools, Mr. Molony had a brilliant course at Trinity College (M.A., LL.D.), and in 1887 he was called to the Bar. He took silk in 1890, and was called to the English Bar in 1900. After a succession of legal appointments he became Second Serjeant-at-Law in 1911, and in 1912 succeeded to the Solicitor-Generalship on the promotion of the present Lord Chancellor, whom he now succeeds as Attorney-General. His esteem for, and fidelity to the Christian Brothers are marked traits in the character of the new Attorney-General, and whenever opportunity offers he invariably pays public tribute to their noble educational work in Ireland. Mr. Molony is president of the Christian Brothers' Past Pupils Union.

The Very Rev. Canon Peter O'Leary was born in 1840 at Liscarrigane, in the parish of Clondrohid, between Macroom and Ballyvourney. Though he is best known to the present generation as an eloquent and graceful writer of Irish and a prominent figure in the Gaelic League movement, he also in the days of the Land League and National League played a courageous part as a local leader in advocating the National and agrarian claims of Ireland. It would be difficult to overrate his services to the Gaelic revival. His *Seadna* is considered by many competent to judge as the best work written in modern Irish, and it has passed through the hands of hosts of students. Among his other works in Irish are two volumes of sermons; a translation of the New Testament; a translation of *The Imitation of Christ*; a translation of *Aesop's Fables*; and a translation of *Don Quixote*. Another prominent Gael has described the Irish in the last-mentioned work as seeming as if it was oiled, it is so beautiful.

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