

Sheehy, C.M., Dean, and Rev. J. Furlong, C.M. At the distribution of prizes, which took place after the ceremonies, there was a large assembly of priests and the college staff, in addition to friends and relatives of the young priests. In welcoming the Bishop of Perth, the President of the College, Very Rev. T. O'Donnell, said that some weeks ago Dr. Clune paid his *ad limina* visit to the Pope, and an English paper said he was the first Englishman to see the Holy Father after his recovery—so he was—the first Englishman from the County Clare. The Pope was so pleased to see him, and so delighted with all he had accomplished as Bishop and missionary, spiritually and financially, that he presented him with that beautiful pectoral cross he was now wearing, and placed it around his Lordship's neck. That was a very rare mark of approval of the Pontiff. The Very Rev. Father O'Donnell also referred with pleasure to the presence of other distinguished representatives of the Church abroad: Mgr. Tracey, of Wilcannia; Father McKenna, of Wellington; and Dean Carey, of Melbourne.

The Right Rev. Dr. Clune, who was received with prolonged applause, thanked the president for his kindly references, and he thanked their great Archbishop (Dr. Walsh) for the privilege of allowing him to confer Orders in that seminary so dear to him (Dr. Clune) in its old associations. They all joined in the hope that his Grace might be spared long to guide the destinies of that vast diocese.

MAYNOOTH COLLEGE.

The annual distribution of prizes to the students of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, took place on Tuesday, June 24, in the McMahon Hall at the college. His Eminence Cardinal Logue presided, and there was a large attendance of the Irish Hierarchy.

After the prizes had been distributed, Very Rev. Dr. Hogan, President of the College, in asking his Eminence to bring the proceedings of the scholastic year to a close, said he had but a few observations to make about the year that had elapsed and about the holidays that were going to commence. He had had the honor a short time ago of presenting to his Eminence and to their Lordships his report on the discipline and studies and the general conditions of the college during the past twelve months. He had, he said, very little to add to what he said in that report, but he thought he was in duty bound to bear testimony to the good conduct and the excellent disposition of the students during the past twelve months. His Eminence congratulated the students, and paid a warm tribute to the progress made during the year. In the afternoon the degrees in theology, canon law, and philosophy were conferred on the successful students by his Eminence.

A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT.

On June 23, the Rev. Wm. Moran, priest of the diocese of Meath, made a public defence of 75 theses for the degree of Doctor in Divinity at Maynooth. The defence took place in the Aula Maxima of the college, before his Eminence Cardinal Logue and a number of Bishops. The whole collegiate body—professors and students—were present. Father Moran, who is a student of the Dunboyne Establishment, presented 75 theses, as has been said, taken from the whole course of theology. He also presented a volume on 'The Government of the Church in the First Century.' This book did not come up for examination, though the candidate was expected to defend it if it were attacked. There were eight objectors, who examined the candidate for half an hour each. The objections, as well as the answers, were put in Latin, which was the only language allowed. The judges were the members of the Faculty of Theology of Maynooth. Father Moran's defence was adjudged satisfactory, and he was recommended for the degree.

The new Irish Solicitor-General, Mr Jonathan Pim, K.C., is a member of the Society of Friends, and the first man of that creed who has ever held the position of law officer of the Crown either in Great Britain or Ireland.

People We Hear About

Mme. Susanna Cole, vocalist and colleague of Jenny Lind, has just died at the age of 83. During Cardinal Wiseman's lifetime, Mme. Cole had many important appointments. She sang regularly at St. Patrick's, Soho, at the Church of the Jesuit Fathers in Farm street, at St. Mary's, Moorfields, and at the Sardinian Chapel, London.

Cardinal Gibbons was fifty-two years a priest on June 30, and twenty-seven years a Cardinal. He spent the day quietly in retreat and said his anniversary Mass in a small chapel. On July 23 he entered on his 80th year. With advancing years the Cardinal still retains his vigor and delights to take part in ecclesiastical exercises. He will always accept an invitation to a commencement or a celebration in honor of some priest or Sister with pleasure. In June he had attended a dozen or more commencements and had awarded hundreds of diplomas and prizes in many parts of the State. He never misses his daily walk, and he steps along the street or across the fields with the same quick step as he did when he celebrated his fortieth year in the priesthood. His health is excellent at this time, and prospects are that it will continue so for some time.

Writing to the *Catholic Union and Times*, a Washington correspondent has this to say of Mrs. White, wife of the Catholic Chief Justice of the United States:— 'Perhaps there is in Washington no higher type of the proper official hostess than Mrs. White, and her position as wife of the Chief Justice has not in any sense changed her established order. She is, to begin with, an accomplished housekeeper, one who attends scrupulously to every detail of her home; and is, in the language of one of her intimates, "one of the very few who take full responsibility for the moral and material welfare of every one in her home, servants included." That last circumstance (remarks the *Ave Maria*) is worth noting. It is characteristic of the valiant woman eulogised in Holy Writ to look after the moral, not less than the material, well-being of her whole household, "servants included"; and Mrs. White is setting a laudable example, which, it is to be hoped, will be generally followed.

Current reports from Rome of the serious illness of Cardinal Vives y Tuto recall the fact that he is one of the eight foreign Cardinals who have visited the United States. The incident of his brief stay here in 1872 is not generally known (says *America*). The Cardinal, who was born in Spain, February 15, 1854, joined the Capuchin Order in early manhood, in which he took the name of Father Joseph Calasanctius. Before ordination, he was sent at his own request to the missions of his Order in Guatemala, Central America, and while there was expelled from the country with 38 others of his brethren on June 8, 1872. They were not given an hour's time to prepare for exile and were driven from their convent between files of soldiers to the seaport, where they embarked for San Francisco. They landed there on July 1, and were charitably received by the Jesuit Fathers and taken to St. Ignatius' College. One of them, Father Francis, died a few days after from the privations he had to endure. Brother Calasanctius returned to France, where he was ordained a priest, May 26, 1877, and soon became Father Guardian of the Convent of Perpignan. Expelled from France in 1880, he went to Spain, whence in 1884 he was commissioned to go to Rome on important business of his Order. There he remained until Leo XIII., appreciating his great ability, raised him to the Sacred College, June 19, 1899, as Joseph Calasanctius Cardinal Deacon Vives y Tuto, of St. Adrian.

Tell me not in mournful wheezes

Life is but an empty dream,

For the man is sick who sneezes,

And things are not what they seem.

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Of this fact you may be sure;

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