

Irish News

GENERAL.

Sixty thousand people, including Mr. John Redmond, M.P., witnessed the great G.A.A. football final at Jones's Road, Dublin, on June 28, when Kerry beat Louth by 2 goals 4 points to 5 points.

The Government has nominated Mr. Dillon, Mr. Swift MacNeill, Mr. Healy, and Mr. James Hope as members of a committee comprising sixteen M.P.'s of various parties charged with considering whether any alterations are desirable in the practice and procedure of the House of Commons.

Mr. Dillon joined Mr. Birrell in a meeting at Bristol on June 27, which closed the Nationalist retort to the recent Carson campaign. The Colston Hall, accommodating 5000 people, was crowded to excess, and a crowd of 15,000 outside clamored vainly for admission.

Mr. Jas. McGarvey, of Dirnan, Lissan, Cookstown, who, on the occasion of his 102nd birthday last November, was the recipient of a congratulatory letter from his Majesty the King, died on June 26, after a few weeks' illness.

Cardinal Logue paid his first visit to Lough Derg on June 30 and was presented with an address on behalf of the pilgrims by Canon Keown. In replying, his Eminence said that in making the stations the pilgrims were walking in the footsteps of saints, and found the peace which surpassed all understanding—peace with God. The Cardinal made a tour of inspection of the island.

Writing in reference to the recent seizures of arms at Belfast and other Irish ports, the military correspondent of a London weekly says:—'The rifle destined for General Carson's forces is the Vetterli pattern, 1884, which was displaced in the Italian army by the Mannlicher Caracans pattern, 1891. The obsolete weapons, bought for the extermination of the Nationalists, can be obtained for fifteen francs complete. The Ulstermen's military experts pay £1 10s for them. Shocking extravagance!'

Year after year the Wicklow Harbor Board gives a lesson in toleration. At the last meeting of that body Mr. Samuel F. Pim, a Protestant, was unanimously re-elected chairman for the eleventh time. Mr. McCarroll, who proposed the election, said that if the same spirit was shown in Ulster it would lead to a great deal more harmony and happiness than existed there at present.

Mr. Valentine Kilbride, the well-known Dublin solicitor, has been appointed Taxing Master in the High Courts in succession to the late Mr. John Mathews. Mr. Kilbride comes of an old County Kildare family, who threw in their lot with their poorer brethren during the eviction campaign on the Luggacurran estate, and became victims to their loyalty, suffering eviction from a fine holding.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.

An interesting case came up for decision the other day in the Dublin Courts regarding a bequest which had been left to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Dublin. A Catholic lady, recently deceased, had left a considerable sum in her will directing that it should be invested and the revenue from the investment paid to the Little Sisters' Home in Dublin. It seems, however, that the Little Sisters of the Poor are prevented by their rules from taking any legacy that was not an absolute gift. Counsel stated that the Sisters were forbidden to take dividends. Fortunately a brother of the testator, who is also since dead, had become aware of the dubiety of the Sisters' bequest and had in his will left a thousand pounds absolutely as gift to the Little Sisters in Dublin in case they would fail to benefit from his sister's will.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF A CONVENT.

The golden jubilee of Banagher Holy Union Convent, the first foundation of the Order in Ireland, took place during the last week in June, amidst every

manifestation of popular rejoicing and fitting religious ceremonial. The Most Rev. Dr. Hoare was amongst those present. Rev. Mother-General Marie Achille, Rev. Mother-Assistant Valentin, and several Sisters from the parent house in Toumai, Belgium, visited Banagher for the occasion, as also did Mother-Provincial Theona (Highgate, London), Mother Mary Aiden (Port Said), and the Mother-Superior, Margaret Mary, Athlone. An address of congratulation and a purse of sovereigns were presented to the community on behalf of the townspeople of Banagher. His Eminence Cardinal Vannutelli, Director of the Order, sent a message from the Holy Father according his paternal blessing to the Sisters on the occasion of the jubilee, to the presiding prelate, priests and people of the parish, and to the Mother-Superior of the community. The Cardinal also expressed his own congratulations and good wishes.

HOME RULE SAFE.

In an article on 'Home Rule' in the *London Budget*, Mr. John Redmond says the provisions of the measure have been discussed at greater length on the floor of the House of Commons than any great constitutional change ever carried in Parliament. During all the months that have passed since then, frantic and most costly efforts have been made in the country to arouse antagonism. All the Unionist leaders in turn have denounced the Bill in the country, and the Unionist Alliance has inundated every constituency with hostile literature and hostile speakers. And yet, by the confession of leading Home Rule opponents, they have utterly failed to arouse even the faintest echo of the old antagonism and prejudice. The latest evidence of the feeling of the country has been afforded by Sir Edward Carson and his friends themselves on their recent tour. So mechanical was their reception, and so over stage-managed were all their proceedings, that Sir Edward himself has evidently been impressed with the futility of attempting at the eleventh hour to swing public opinion right round in his favor. No man, of course, can foretell the future with absolute certainty; but barring the chance of some political earthquake, it is, in my judgment, as certain as the rising of tomorrow's sun that Home Rule will have passed on to the Statute Book before this date next year. And once it is law, I am convinced it will be loyally accepted by all classes of Irishmen.

MAYNOOTH UNION DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Maynooth Union was held on June 26 in the Students' Refectory in the College. The Very Rev. Dr. Hogan, President of the College, occupied the chair, and on his right was the Most Rev. Dr. Morrisroe, Bishop of Achonry. About 200 members and guests participated in the function.

In proposing the health of the Pope, the President said that during the recent illness of his Holiness there were no people in the whole world that felt more sympathy with him than the people of Ireland, and he was sure that there were no people in any part of the world that prayed more earnestly for him. The toast having been most cordially honored, the Ven. Archdeacon Fricker (Rathmines) gave the 'Song of the Pope.' Father Kerr (Belfast) and Father Gibbons contributed enjoyable vocal items.

Rev. Father O'Doherty (Raphoe) proposed the toast of 'Our guests.' He extended a hearty welcome to them all, from Ireland and abroad, and said things were going on fairly well at home. One thing he would like to remind them of was that after a struggle—and a hard struggle for ages—they were now in a position to see the dawning of the light and to say that after a short time they would have the prospect of being masters in their own country, and be able to pass their own laws and legislate for their own land.

Rev. Father Holbrook (Auckland) responded, and paid a high tribute to the spirit prevailing amongst the Irishmen of Australasia, and said that all through the Colonies Catholic and Protestant Irishmen were as ardent Home Rulers as those in Ireland.

Very Rev. Father Logan paid a high tribute to Maynooth and its learning. All through the Con-

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