

Ireland's Hope

Since the British Premier sent the Premier of South Africa on an errand to Ireland on behalf of England, all the fair-weather friends of Ireland have discovered an interest in what they now describe as our sister in the Empire (says the *Catholic Magazine*, for South Africa). The militarist press has tried to hide the realities of the situation even now. One would think that the new negotiations were due to some special act of statesmanship on the part of some members of the Imperial Conference. The main facts are that the Republican Government of Ireland with its own army has shown that it can govern Ireland in spite of the mailed fist of Mr. Lloyd George. Force having failed to achieve its purpose, Mr. Lloyd George is prepared to negotiate. We may be sure that the Irish Republic will not make the same mistake as Germany did. The Irish have refused to demobilise until the terms are settled, with guarantees that these terms will be carried out. They know only too well that if with the aid of General Smuts another Fourteen Points were held out to the Irish people, that would be no reason to lay aside their arms. They saw General Smuts sign a Treaty which violated every one of the conditions on which the Germans laid down their arms. It is difficult to play that trick twice in one generation. Ireland will certainly not be the victim. If Irish liberty therefore is saved, it will be the work of Ireland's right arm, of friends in America and elsewhere who were not ashamed to stand up for her in the day of her bitter ordeal. The Irish President has made it clear that he represents the Irish people who claim the right of self-determination. They cannot bow to the dictatorship of another country or of any Irish minority that desires such a dictatorship.

A Glorified Rebel

Mr. de Valera may take heart from a celebration which has just taken place in London. A statue of George Washington has been presented to England by some American people and duly unveiled in front of the English National Gallery. The American who made the presentation said: "We are presenting to the Government and people of Great Britain this bronze likeness of one who forsook her flag, rejected her sovereignty; and fought against her King, and with a splendid magnanimity, Great Britain has answered the challenge by placing this one-time rebel on a pedestal amid the mighty monuments and memories of Trafalgar Square." Washington had far less justification for his act than de Valera, since Washington was an Englishman. If England to-day were only governed by men with a greater spirit of magnanimity than Mr. Lloyd George, and a wider outlook than General Smuts (who seems unable to conceive any solution but that of a limited Home Rule), England would avoid the costly errors committed in regard to George Washington. Should wiser counsels prevail, we may not have to wait a whole century or more to see de Valera's statue in London. He has stated often enough that a free and independent Ireland will be no menace to England's safety. An Ireland forced to remain within a Union which she does not desire will never cease to be a danger.

WEDDING BELLS

COSGRIFF—McGRATH.

The wedding was solemnised on Monday, August 8, at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Gore, by the Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, of Thomas, second son of Mrs. Margaret Cosgriff and the late John Cosgriff, of Nightcaps, and Miss Margaret Josephine McGrath, niece of Mrs. Flannigan, of Gore. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. John McGrath), wore a grey crepe-de-Chine frock and black hat, and carried a pretty bouquet of gold and white blooms and an ivory-bound prayer book. The bridesmaid was Miss Mary McGrath (sister of the bride), who was attired in wine-colored crepe-de-Chine and black hat, and carried a shower bouquet. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. John Lysaght as best man. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the residence of Mrs. Flannigan, Very Rev. Father O'Donnell presiding, when the customary toasts were honored. The newly-wedded couple left for the north

where the honeymoon was spent, the bride wearing a tailor-made navy serge costume, with hat to match. The large number of useful and valuable presents received testified to the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Cosgriff are held.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

September 9.

A very successful and enjoyable social was recently held in the Assembly Hall, in aid of the funds of St. Mary's School. The excellent arrangements made by the ladies' committee, presided over by Mrs. Williams, greatly enhanced the pleasure of the occasion. The duties of M's.C. were efficiently carried out by Messrs. J. H. Reidy, Schollum, and Douglas. Rev. Father Murphy (in the absence of Father Lane) expressed pleasure at the financial results of the function, and thanked all who had worked so hard in the interests of the school.

Another recent successful event was the children's fancy dress social. Mrs. Fitzpatrick adjudicated on the characters portrayed, and allotted the prizes to Misses M. Keany and Z. Marflit, Masters H. Carr and Munro.

St. Mary's Church was recently broken into and the poor-boxes robbed. The amount stolen is not known, but, as the boxes were lately cleared, the sum cannot have been very large.

Marist Brothers' School, Greymouth

In the recent Competitions the successful competitors who attend the above school were as follow: James Doogan 1st in boys' recitation (12-6), George Larsen, highly commended; Vincent McSherry 1st in sight reading (boys and girls under 12); Vincent McSherry tied for 3rd in prepared reading; James Gilbert 1st in essay (boys and girls under 13 years); Alan Kennedy 2nd in essay (boys and girls under 16).

Convent of Mercy, Greymouth

The following is a list of the Greymouth Convent pupils who were successful at the West Coast Competitions, held in Greymouth from August 29 to September 5:—Musical section: Piano solo, "Polonaise" (McDowell) for competitors over 21, Doreen Daly (only competitor); Piano duet, "Spanish Dance" (Moskowski) for competitors over 16, Misses Marjorie Fletcher and Bernadine Gilbert (only competitors); piano solo, "To the Spring" (Greig) for competitors between 14 and 16, Doreen Daly 1st, Borgia McSherry 2nd; piano duet, "Marche Militaire" for competitors between 14 and 16, Doreen Daly and Borgia McSherry 1st, Veronica Knell and Rita Deere 2nd; piano solo, "Minuet" (Paderewski) for competitors between 12 and 14, Doreen McBrearty and Eileen Cook 2nd; piano solo, "Minuet" (Beethoven) for competitors under 12, Mary Orr 1st, Kathleen Fogarty 2nd, Elsie Williams 3rd, Lillias Moss 4th; violin solo "Schon Rosmarin" (Kreisler) for competitors over 16, Doris Lalor 1st, Marjorie Fletcher 3rd; violin solo "Mazurka" (Saint Amoury) for competitors under 16, Ethel Wallace 2nd (12 years of age). Elocutionary section.—Ladies' recitation, "Youth and Age" (16-21), Doreen O'Hallahan 1st, Bernadine Gilbert 2nd; ladies' monologue (16-21), Doreen O'Hallahan 1st, Bernadine Gilbert 2nd; recitation, "An Old Romance" (12-16), Eileen Ryan 2nd; recitation (9-12), Margaret McDonnell 1st, Kathleen Fogarty 2nd; recitation (under 9), Nellie McDonnell 2nd; boys' recitation (12-16), James Auton 2nd; prepared reading (12-16), Eileen Ryan (tied for 1st); prepared reading (under 12), Kathleen Fogarty 1st, Jean Gillies 3rd; sight reading (12-16), Eileen Ryan 2nd; sight reading (under 12), Jean Gillies 2nd; ladies' sight reading, Bernadine Gilbert 3rd.

How good it is to be with Jesus crucified! I will make three tabernacles here; one in His hands, another in His feet, and a third in the wound of His side where I may watch and repose, read and sleep, pray and do everything.—St. Bonaventure.