

## Here and There

**From Journalism to Law.**—Amongst those called to the Bar at Gray's Inn the other week (says the *Dublin Weekly Freeman*) was Mr. Martin Herlihy, son of Mr. John Herlihy, a Cork journalist, who has had a long connection with the Press Gallery in the House of Commons, in which Mr. Herlihy, junior, has been a welcome figure and before which he lectured on topics of interest. He now intends to relinquish his journalistic activities and to settle down steadily to the practice of his new profession. He will carry with him into this sphere the best wishes of his late colleagues for a successful career in a profession for which he possesses many marked gifts and qualifications.

**"Annie Laurie" and Ireland.**—The link between "Annie Laurie" and Ireland is recalled (writes a correspondent to an exchange) by the recent sale of her house at Maxwellton. Her admirer, the gentleman who composed the song in her praise, did not marry her, but preferred Elizabeth Clarke, with whom he made a runaway match. He died in 1748, leaving four sons and three daughters. His eldest son, Archibald, entered the Army and rose to be Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in Ireland, dying in 1778. The composer of the song in Annie's praise was William Douglas, of Fingland, a noted duellist, said to be the hero of the song, "Willie was a Wauton Wag." The grandson of Annie Laurie was the hero of Burns's song, "The Whistle."

**An Echo of the Famous "J.K.L."**—Last Sunday's centenary celebrations at the Augustinian Friary Church, Limerick, recall the fact that this beautiful church had previously been a theatre (says the *Dublin Weekly Freeman* for May 5). Early in 1823 it became evident that the accommodation for the congregation in the former Friary Church in Creagh lane was inadequate, and, fortunately, the newly-erected theatre came into the market in order to liquidate arrears of debt. Accordingly, Father John Augustine Cronin, O.S.A., the then Prior, with the consent of the Provincial (Father John Gibbons), negotiated the purchase of the theatre (built in 1814 at a cost of £4000) for £400, and in about a month it was converted into a fine church. It was opened and consecrated by the Most Rev. Dr. Tuohy, Bishop of Limerick, the sermon being preached by the illustrious Dr. Doyle, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, who was himself an Augustinian Friar.

**Memories and Relics of Tom Moore.**—The attempt to blow up a house in Johnston's court, off Grafton Street, reminds us (says a Home paper) that Tom Moore received his early education in the famous Grammar School conducted in that court by Samuel White. At the age of six years he won a silver medal at a public school examination for reading history, and six years later, in the Latin class, he was awarded, by Mr. White, a book prize, entitled *The Paths of Virtue Delimited; or, The History in Miniature of the Celebrated Pamela, Clarissa Harlowe and Sir Charles Grandison*. There are exhibited in the Library of the Royal Irish Academy some interesting relics of the poet, including an autograph ballad, "The Fortune Teller"; the medal awarded to him at the age of 19 by the Historical Society of Trinity College, Dublin, for composition; a photograph of the poet's tomb in Ballham Churchyard, Wiltshire, and a bill-head used by his father in his grocery business at No. 12 Aungier Street, dated 9th August, 1798, recording a sale of flour.

**A Centenarian Missionary.**—A venerable missionary has passed away at St. Boniface, Canada, having attained the unusual age of 102. Rev. Father Dandurand, O.M.L., was the oldest active missionary in the world at the time of his death. Rev. C. Choumavel, O.M.L., who was chaplain of 200 aged people at the Hospital of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Colombo, Ceylon, succeeds to the post held by Father Dandurand. He recently celebrated his 98th birthday. The Oblate Fathers carry on extensive missionary activities in the frozen north of Canada, the Land of the Midnight Sun, and from thence to the Equatorial regions of the Indian Ocean, Father Choumavel, while laboring in the north in previous years, had his nose and ears so badly frozen by the severity of the climate that

his superiors sent him to Ceylon, where he has labored since. He had the distinction of having been received into the Oblate Order by the venerable founder himself. He was a noted authority on the Singhalese and Tamil languages, both of which he mastered readily, although exceedingly difficult to learn.

**Dublin Doctor's World-Wide Fame.**—In the Hall of the College of Physicians, Kildare Street, recently, an interesting ceremony took place, when the Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Academy of Medicine was conferred on Professor E. Hastings Tweedy, and the Pasteur Centenary was celebrated by an address delivered by Dr. William Fearon, ScD. Dr. T. P. C. Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Academy, said that throughout the world Ernest Hastings Tweedy, whom he formally presented to them, had won both for the Academy and for himself an honored name. As Pasteur taught them how to prevent and cure hydrophobia, so Tweedy had taught them how to control that almost equally terrible disease, eclampsia, which, too, often was wont to kill both the mother and her unborn child. In the long roll of Irish physicians no name ranked higher than that of Ernest Tweedy. The chairman, in making the presentation, said that in one branch of their art Dublin held foremost place, for in the subject of obstetric medicine her fame was known all over the civilised world. By his original and very valuable investigation, his lucid teaching and his public work Dr. Tweedy had advanced and maintained the reputation of the Dublin school of medicine. Professor Tweedy, in the course of his reply, stated that he realised and fully appreciated that the Academy of Medicine had conferred upon him the greatest honor it was within their power to confer, and having said that, he felt that ambition required no further stimulus.

**New Chief of the D. M. Police.**—Major-General W. R. E. Murphy has been appointed Chief Commissioner of the Dublin Metropolitan Police. Born at Bannow, Co. Wexford, in 1892, the new police chief has had a varied career. Matriculating in the Royal University in 1908, he spent the two subsequent years in St. Patrick's Training College, Dublin, and took his B.A. degree at the National University in 1913. The M.A. Degree (*honoris causa*) was conferred on him in 1919. At the outbreak of the European war General Murphy was teaching in Belfast and continuing his studies with a view to taking the B.Sc. Degree of London University. He joined the O.T.C. of Queen's University, Belfast, in 1914, and, in April, 1915, joined the 1st Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment, with rank of 2nd lieutenant. From this till the end of the war he had continuous service in France, Flanders and Italy. His further promotions with dates are as follow:—Promoted Adjutant, 1916; promoted Major, second in command of Manchester Regiment, 1917; promoted Lieut.-Colonel commanding 1st (Regular) Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment, December, 1917; temporarily in command of a Brigade, August 1918; demobilised with rank of Colonel, 1919 (May). In the course of his career in the British Army Major-General Murphy secured the Distinguished Service Order, the Military Cross, the 1914-15 Star, the Victory Medal, the Allied Medal, the Italian Silver Medal for Military Valor, and the Italian War Cross. He was four times mentioned in despatches. In June, 1922, he offered his services to the Provisional Government, and was appointed, with the rank of Commandant-General, Command Adjutant to General Owen O'Duffy (Civic Guard Commissioner), who was at that time G.O.C. South-Western Command. In September Commandant-General Murphy was appointed G.O.C., Kerry Command. In January, 1923, he was called to G.H.Q. Staff with the rank of Major-General, as Director of Operations and Training. Later he was engaged on the preparation of official manuals for the use of the army.

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