

# Irish News.

**CORK.—St. Patrick's Day.**—On St. Patrick's Day there was a revival of the edifying custom of a state visit of the Mayor and Catholic members of the Council, Cork, to the churches. At 12 o'clock the Mayor and aldermen in their robes, accompanied by the mace and sword bearers and other attendants, were present at St. Mary's Cathedral, where High Mass was celebrated with full pomp and magnificence. His Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, presided. An eloquent panegyric on St. Patrick was preached by Rev. Father O'Laverty, and at the conclusion of the sacred ceremonies the mayoral party drove to the Bishop's palace, Farranferris, where his Lordship received them.

**DERRY.—A Grand Old Derry Man.**—The patriarch of the Canadian Senate, the Hon. David Wark, entered on his ninety-sixth year on February 19. Born in Derry in 1804, he emigrated to New Brunswick in 1825, and developed into a prosperous merchant. He entered the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in 1843, and attained Ministerial honours in 1858. In May, 1867, he was called up to the Senate of the Dominion, and has sat there ever since as a Liberal. He has published some political pamphlets dealing with Imperial Federation, Trade Reciprocity between Canada and the United States, and the relations of Canada to the Empire.

**DUBLIN.—A Hero of Omdurman at Home.**—Whatever may be thought of Lord Kitchener's achievements at Omdurman there can be no second opinion as to the bravery of the charge executed by the 21st Lancers, and it is a noteworthy fact (says an exchange) that all the Victoria Crosses awarded in respect to that engagement have fallen to Irishmen in the British service. Foremost amongst the recipients of the distinction was Private Thomas Byrne, who with heroic courage rescued Lieutenant Molyneux from the hands of the Dervishes, though badly wounded himself. Private Byrne is now home on furlough with his people in Donnycarney, County Dublin. Though his wounds have healed, the fingers of his right hand are still stiff and almost numb. He expects to rejoin his regiment in Egypt within a month.

**Exhibition of Old Irish Music Books.**—The O'Donoghue of the Glens presided at last meeting of the executive committee of the *Féis Ceoil* to be held in Dublin. The hon. secretary announced the receipt of an important letter from Mr. Alfred Moffat, London, with reference to the Loan Exhibition in connection with the festival. Mr. Moffat said:—Mr. John Glen (the celebrated Scotch bagpipe maker), Edinburgh, told me he would be willing to lend you two O'Farrell's, two Burk Thermoth's, Murphy's Irish Jigs, and some other books for the Féis Exhibition of Old Irish Music Books. I can lend you the Carolan collection, two O'Farrell's (different from Mr. Glen's copies), Mangan's "Poets of Munster" (the rather rare first edition, 1849), Coffey's "Beggar's Wedding," 1728, a very rare work, with the music, and the original edition of "O'Keefe's Poor Soldier," 1783.

**Funeral of Colonel Bidwill.**—The remains of Colonel Bidwill, who died on March 12 at his residence Sandycove, were interred in Dean's Grange Cemetery, Kingstown. The very large and representative attendance at the funeral fully testified to the widespread esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held by all classes. A *Requiem* Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Glashtule, by the Rev. Joseph Murray, P.P. The 5th V.B. the King's Liverpool Regiment, commonly known as 'The Liverpool Irish,' which Colonel Bidwill originally raised and equipped, and of which he retained the honorary Colonelcy up to the time of his death, was represented by the following, who appeared in the smart and becoming uniform of the regiment:—Surgeon-Major Edgar Flinn, Lieutenant-Colonel Carruthers, Captain Lewin, Captain Byrne, Captain Ruddin, Lieutenant and Quartermaster Blake, Surgeon-Captain O'Hagan, Regt-Quartermaster-Sergeant Donnelly, Armourer-Sergeant Devanny, Sergeant-Instructor Lynch, Sergeant-Drummer Halligan.

**The Secretaryship of the Steampacket Company.**—Mr. A. J. Callaghan, L.L.D., B.L., has been appointed secretary of the Dublin Steampacket Company in succession to the late Mr. Lee. As assistant secretary of the company Dr. Callaghan showed himself fully alive to the commercial importance of facilitating in every possible way cross-Channel traffic. The appointment is a very

popular one, and has given great satisfaction to the commercial community and the travelling public.

**KERRY.—The Grand Jury and the University Question.**—At Kerry Assizes, the Grand Jury, mainly composed of Protestants, passed a resolution expressing their hearty sympathy with Mr. Balfour's desire to satisfy their Catholic fellow-countrymen in the matter of a university, such as may be in accordance with Catholic principle and feeling.

**KILDARE.—A Memorial to the Late Father McWey.**—A movement has been set on foot in Kilkock for the purpose of erecting a memorial in memory of the late Rev. S. McWey, who had been for a long time parish priest of the district.

**LIMERICK.—Death of the Oldest Magistrate.**—Mr. P. T. Hartigan, the oldest magistrate in Limerick, died recently at Clounagh, Rathkeale. The deceased had reached the ripe old age of 80 years.

**Tribute to the Memory of a Limerick Man.**—The following glowing tribute to the memory of Congressman Hon. Denis M. Hurley was paid on the floor of the United States Congress, on March 3, by the Hon. Israel F. Fischer:—I desire to briefly record my opinion of his life, character, and worth. Denis M. Hurley was born in the city of Limerick, Ireland, March 14, 1813, and came to this country when he was seven years old. His early struggles and subsequent successes furnish us with one more example of the possibilities of young men who seek our shores and apply themselves faithfully to their needs and progress. Mr. Hurley's character was one of the grandest ever possessed by any man. He was plain, straightforward, and honest, and his love for the good was so great that he could not bear the company of men who were otherwise. He was so constituted that he could not commit a mean act if he tried. His goodness of heart, his desire to serve others, and his entire unselfishness in all things made him one of the grandest and best of friends and citizens, and I do not violate my conscience when I say that I felt his loss almost as much as I did that of my own parents. The grandest compliment, in conclusion, that I can pay him is to record the opinion of all who knew him, that he was an honest man.

**WEXFORD.—Nuns as Hospital Nurses.**—At a recent meeting of the Enniscomorthy Board of Guardians, Mr. Jonathan Haughton, a Protestant magistrate, well known in the County Wexford, gave expression to his views on the vexed question of the qualifications of trained nurses, the Local Government Board's order regarding which has been the subject of so much discussion at the various public Boards throughout the country. He criticised the order as being too restrictive, and said that if the Local Government Board persevered in the order which they had issued, they would exclude many experienced and competent nurses from employment in public institutions. Mr. Haughton paid a handsome tribute to the Sisters of Mercy for the untiring zeal with which they looked after the sick patients in the hospital. The infirmary had been vastly improved since the introduction of the Sisters as nurses, and in every public institution in Ireland where the nuns officiated as nurses the same improvement was recorded. This restrictive order would exclude ladies such as these from coming in as nurses under the Act, inasmuch as they haven't got the training required by the Local Government Board order to entitle the guardians to be recouped in half the salary. He was one of the guardians that proposed that the Sisters be admitted into the infirmary, and he was never sorry for it, for they had done their duty efficiently and satisfactorily in every sense of the word.

**WATERFORD.—The Mayor and Sheriff.**—Mr. L. C. Strange, solicitor, has been installed Mayor of Waterford under the new Local Government law. At the same Mr. W. D. G. Goff, of the brewery, Mary street, Waterford, was installed High Sheriff. The Mayor is a Nationalist; the High Sheriff is a Unionist and Tory.

## GENERAL.

**Mr. John Dillon Visits Cambridge.**—Mr. Dillon, M.P., visited Cambridge University recently on the invitation of the Master of Trinity, and delivered an address to the students on the Irish University Question. The address was so successful that Mr. Dillon was invited to repeat it next day before the female students of the University. He did so.

**Impressions of a Recent Visitor.**—Lecturing recently in the Federation Hall, Sydney, on his impressions during his visit to Ireland, the Very Rev. Father Le Rennetel, S.M., said:—On the occasion of his recent visit he found the people cheerful, contented, and fairly prosperous. Many new industries had been established,

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