

parody on a statue that disfigures one of the principal thoroughfares of the city. This hideous libel on our National poet was the outcome of a 'job', I really cannot call to mind to what hack the job was given and public money paid. Of a certainty, it has long been an eyesore in a city that possesses so many fine monuments to public men. Now, at last, the greatest and sweetest of our poets, and the most truly National, is about to have a fitting memorial raised to his memory in Dublin. A movement is on foot to invite subscriptions, and there is no doubt but that sufficient funds will be forthcoming for the purpose.

There is a double pleasure to Irishmen in this movement, late as it comes. For a brief while, it was the humor of a certain number to deny the genius, the beauty, the nationality of Moore's poems. But the unswerving devotion of the people, the spirit that awoke and kept awake by his poetry could never have been evoked by a false poet: there was no use in trying to tear Tom Moore off his pedestal, he is there to-day, a truly loved and admitted as in the days when he sang his own melodies to charmed circles, and will be there, and in the hearts of the people, while Ireland claims a place amongst Nations. Alas! that there is no Foley to chisel a statue worthy of Moore.

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## COUNTY NEWS

### ANTRIM.—Catholicism in Belfast

Belfast (writes Mr. Victor Noonan in the Milwaukee 'Catholic Citizen') has sixteen large Catholic parishes accommodated by as many large and magnificent churches. The largest is St. Peter's, with a congregation of over 22,000 people. There are services every hour in this church on Sundays from six a.m. until twelve noon, when the last Mass is celebrated. It takes twelve months to paint the interior of this church, which possesses two beautiful spires of 300 feet and a chime of bells. There are two religious Orders in the city, the Redemptorists and Passionists. Under the personal direction of the Bishop, the Catholic young men of the city have a Central Club, the roll call of which numbers over 700 members. Here they have lectures, musical and other social entertainments, at which the good Bishop, Dr. Henry, is often present, taking an active part.

### CLARE.—The Late Bishop MacRedmond

As previously reported in the 'N.Z. Tablet' the Most Rev. Dr. MacRedmond, Bishop of Killaloe died at St. Ann's Hill, Cork, in the early part of April. His Lordship, who was a native of Birr, in King's County, was about 68 years of age. He received his ecclesiastical training first in the Irish College in Paris, and later on in Maynooth, where he read a most distinguished course. Ordained priest in 1860, his first mission was as curate at Bournea, near Roserea. Subsequently he was for a short time in Toomevara. Then he was translated to Nenagh, being appointed secretary to the Most Rev. Dr. Flannery, then Bishop of Killaloe. In 1856 he was appointed President of the Diocesan College, Ennis, and ten years later he was promoted to the parish of Killaloe and appointed Vicar-General of the diocese. In October, 1889, Dr. MacRedmond was appointed Coadjutor-Bishop of Killaloe, and on the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Flannery in 1891 he succeeded to the episcopal charge of the diocese. His Lordship had been in failing health since Christmas, and had been staying in St. Ann's for about two months. The remains of the late Bishop were removed from Cork to Ennis, and the occasion was marked by a remarkable demonstration of public sorrow. The funeral took place at Ennis. His Eminence Cardinal Logue was present.

### DUBLIN.—Death of a Well-known Lawyer

Deep regret has been occasioned in Dublin by the death of Mr. Val Dillon, solicitor, cousin of Mr. John Dillon, M.P. Mr. Dillon, who became a solicitor in 1870, rapidly rose to the front rank of his profession, and for a generation held a prominent position in Dublin's public life. In the State Trials of 1880-1881 he acted for the traversers, and in other trials of a like nature he was invariably briefed for the popular side. At the time of the Parnell split Mr. Val Dillon took the side of Mr. Parnell, and contested North Sligo as a Parnellite in 1891. For a time he held office as Lord Mayor of Dublin. Mr. Dillon was one of the principal supporters of the late Mr. James McCann, M.P., and also of Mr. Waldron, the new member for St. Stephen's Green Division of Dublin.

### SLIGO.—White Gloves for the Judge

At the Sligo Easter Quarter Sessions Mr. J. Wakeley, K.C., acting County Court Judge during the illness of County Court Judge O'Connor Morris, was presented with white gloves, there being no criminal business.

## People We Hear About

The 'Catholic Times' understands that the Right Rev. Bishop Stanley will leave Westminster shortly and take up his residence permanently in Rome.

The sixth volume of Mr. Justin M'Carthy's 'History of Our Own Times' is not yet completed, says the 'Daily News,' and probably will not be published till next year. But his autobiographical work, 'The Story of an Irishman,' will be ready in the autumn. The 'History of Our Own Times' still holds first place as the most readable history of the Victorian era.

General Sir Montagu Gerard, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., who has left for Manchuria, was honored by the Czar and Czarina with a special interview prior to his departure from the Russian capital. The General also had an interview with the Dowager-Empress of Russia during his stay in St. Petersburg. The General is the brother of Father Gerard, S.J., the famous Jesuit publicist.

Don Carlos, Duke of Madrid and, as some style him, de jure King of Spain, is just 56 years old. He is the direct descendant of Charles, brother of Ferdinand VII., who died in 1833. According to Spanish laws of succession, Don Carlos would now be reigning had not Ferdinand abolished the Salic law in favor of his daughter Isabella, grandmother of the reigning Alfonso XIII.

In connection with the celebration of the Gregorian Centenary in Rome, the Rev. H. Marriott Bannister, an Anglican clergyman, was chosen by the Pope to prepare the exhibition of Vatican Gregorian codices. Mr. Bannister has been for several years one of the most diligent students of the Vatican Library, and is well known as an authority on liturgy and sacred music. The sequence in the Gregorian Mass which was sung in St. Peter's is one of the large number of sequences exhumed by him from the old MSS. of the Vatican.

Mr. Richard Bourke, D.L., of Thornfields, Lisnagry, County Limerick, who died the other day, in his ninety-third year, was (says the 'Freeman's Journal') well known in the last generation as an able and courteous Local Government Board Inspector. He supplied a link with an historic past. His father, General Sir Richard Bourke, a distinguished Colonial Governor, who was offered, but declined, the Governor-Generalship of India and a Peerage, was Governor of Victoria at the time of the discovery of gold in Australia in the early fifties of the last century and the rush for the goldfields. The first gold nugget ever brought to light from Australian soil is preserved as an heirloom in the Bourke family, and is worn as an ornament on the head of a scarf pin.

Sir William Harcourt occupies so large a share of public interest and attention at the present moment that it may be recorded that the large estate, Nunham Harcourt, outside Oxford, which has come into his possession by the death of a distant relative, has devolved upon him by a very tragic incident. His kinsman, Mr. Aubrey Harcourt, the head of the Harcourt family, by whose death Nunham Harcourt has become Sir William's inheritance, was, upwards of twenty years ago, engaged to be married to a young lady of great beauty and intellect—Miss Liddell, the daughter of the Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, one of the joint editors of Liddell and Scott's famous Greek Lexicon. The wedding-day had been fixed, but within a few hours from her marriage Miss Liddell sickened and died. She is buried in one of the chapels of Christ Church, Oxford, and just above her grave there is a beautiful stained-glass window erected by her parents, in which there is an exquisite portrait of herself. Mr. Aubrey Harcourt never married, and the family estates have descended on Sir William.

The Holy Week ceremonies at the Brompton Oratory led the 'Westminster Gazette' into some readable reminiscences of Father Bowden, the Superior—Father Sebastian Bowden, Superior of the Oratorian Fathers, who presided at the solemn office of Tenebrae which was sung in the presence of a crowded congregation at the Brompton Oratory recently, is an ex-officer of the Guards. Father Bowden is considered by many to be the most Catholic preacher in London. He is the author of a 'Guide to the Oratory,' a study of Dante, and a work on 'The Religion of Shakespeare,' in which the evidence for the poet's membership of the Catholic Church is fully stated. There is only one living link between the first humble home of the Oratory in King William Street Strand, and its magnificent habitation of to-day next to the South Kensington Museum. This is Father Bowden, who was a young novice when Cardinal Newman's sermons drew all literary London to the disused whisky store in King William Street, which the pioneer Oratorians transformed into a church.