

MONAGHAN—An Orangeman on Orangeism.

Lord Rossmore has written a long letter to Mr. Campbell Hall, Deputy Grand Master of the Monaghan Orangemen in which he announces his intention to sever completely his connection with the Orange Society, of which he has been a County Grand Master. In the course of his letter his Lordship says:—'I need not state that the wicked and singularly bigoted attack made on you by some Orangemen, by reason of your having shown a just and broad-minded interest in a matter which vitally concerns Protestants of all classes as well as Roman Catholics, urged me to the conclusion that local Orangeism was coming to mean an organisation seeking to establish the worst mental slavery, and this on the part of men who profess no constructive policy of any character in what has relation to our country and to our fellow-Irishmen; their policy is solely negative—ever in opposition—ever seeking to sow dissension—a state of things I fancy to be directly at variance with the rules and constitution of the Society, as every intelligent member must clearly realise. It is a source of deep regret that individual moderate Orangemen do not think out such matters for themselves. To me they appear to be following blindly the lead of some few professional politicians and office-holders, whose advice seems invariably to be the result of a contemplation of their personal interests, and hardly ever the outcome of a desire for peace and prosperity of us Irishmen. Guides such as these feel that their positions and salaries depend in a great measure for their continuity on the divisions and antipathies of those who should work together to bring more prosperity to their homes and greater happiness to a common country.' In conclusion Lord Rossmore says:—'My parting word would be to invite the Orange Society to think for themselves, and to consider well and carefully their present position in their native land, and not to be blind to what must be the inevitable result of always opposing what wise and moderate people devise for the general good. Progress is going on all round, and if they be not up and doing they shall be left behind in their weakness.'

TYRONE—St. Eunan's College.

The Rev. John McCafferty and the Rev. Dominick Canning, of the diocese of Raphoe, who have been commissioned by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell to collect in the States for the new College of St. Eunan in Donegal, appear to be meeting with considerable success among the Irish of the great city of New York. Aided and assisted by the thousands of resident exiles from old Tyrone, there is no doubt that the support so generously given in this threshold city of the United States will be well sustained by the Irish citizens throughout the Union.

A Model Village.

A good deal is being done (says the London 'Star') to make Dromore, in Tyrone, a model village, a pattern to the rest of rural Ireland. Three years ago the Rev. M. Maguire started a lace industry there, and the girls and young women are now busily engaged in trying to execute more orders than they can cope with. The boys and young men have since been lured into carpentry classes, and Sir Horace Plunkett, visiting Dromore the other day, was delighted with the work shown. To increased material comfort, domestic culture is being added through a sort of Women's University Settlement. Miss O'Connor Eccles, an accomplished lady journalist, together with Miss O'Brien, B.A., are living in the midst of the people, and showing them how to improve the conditions under which they live, at little or no expenditure in money, but chiefly by the exercise of good taste and by skill in housewifery. Only since last July has this crowning movement been at work, but Sir Horace Plunkett, who promoted it, is already surprised at its results. The removal of unsightly refuse heaps, the whitewashing and painting that had been done, both within and without, the cleansing and polishing of furniture, and the neatness of the white-curtained beds in some of the houses called forth special praise. One of the houses elicited the remark from Sir Horace—'This would put many a rich home to shame!'

GENERAL**The Unionists and the Dunraven Scheme.**

The Ulster Unionists in Parliament met in Belfast to discuss the Dunraven Devolution Scheme. Colonel Sanderson was ill and could not attend, but his colleagues were present in full number. They passed a series of resolutions condemning the Dunraven scheme, and declaring that Lord Dunraven and his associates are 'in no way representative of Irish Unionist opinion.' Perhaps the resolution of the redistribution question was the most amusing. In a general way, the deadheads approved of redistribution, but refrained from expressing any final opinion, until it could be seen 'how far the Government proposals when made will affect the Unionists' representation in Ireland.'

People We Hear About

Mr. and Mrs. Donlan, of Lawrence, who had been on an extended trip to Europe, returned to New Zealand last week, coming via the Bluff and Hokianga from Melbourne.

Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan, rector of St. Mary's Church, St. Albans, Vt., has been re-elected by the Democrats as representative over Col. A. A. Hall, the Republican nominee. Father O'Sullivan's majority was 133, the total number of votes cast being 1135. This was the only fight in the local campaign, both parties putting forth their best efforts to win the election. Party lines were ignored, many Republicans voting for the Democratic candidate, and vice versa. Father O'Sullivan distinguished himself in the last Legislature by the part he took as chairman of the committee on temperance, and was influential in framing and in the passage of the high license local option law. He was also prominent in all the important matters, and was one of the leaders in the House. His majority two years ago was 260.

Mr. Robert J. Wynne has been appointed Postmaster-General of the United States. In appointing Mr. Wynne, the President did it with a desire to publicly seal with approval his work as Assistant Postmaster-General in ferreting out frauds in the postal department during the recent investigation. Mr. Wynne was appointed First Assistant Postmaster-General on April 17, 1902. For nearly a quarter of a century he had been a Washington newspaper correspondent, serving at various times some of the most important newspapers in the country. Mr. Wynne had not been in the office of the First Assistant many months before he became convinced that some of the affairs of the department were not being conducted honestly. Quietly he set about to determine for himself what foundation there was for the charges. He obtained definite information bearing upon the matter. This he laid before Postmaster-General Payne and the President. It was upon his first information that President Roosevelt ordered the inquiry, which is now a matter of history. Mr. Wynne is a Catholic and a member of Washington Council, Knights of Columbus.

Mr. T. D. Sullivan, the doyen of Irish journalists, who is now in his 78th year, is about to publish his reminiscences under the title of 'Recollections of Troubled Times in Ireland' (says the 'Westminster Gazette'). As the author of Ireland's National Anthem and the poet of the Parnellite Party, Mr. Sullivan is best known in England. Fifty years ago he joined the 'Nation' staff in Dublin, and it was as proprietor and editor of that journal, when he was Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1886-7 and Member of Parliament, that he was imprisoned for Press offences under Mr. Balfour's Coercion Act. While immured for two months in Tullamore Gaol he wrote 'Prison Poems,' which forms one of several volumes of verse that he has published. His principal prose publication is a brief life of his brother, the late A. M. Sullivan, M.P., whom Mr. Gladstone described as 'the eloquent member for Louth,' a constituency appropriately represented in recent years by Mr. Sullivan's son-in-law, Mr. T. M. Healy.

Mr. Michael Davitt writes to the secretary of the Milbournmalbay Branch U.I.L. in response to an invitation to become the Parliamentary candidate for West Clare, stating that he has no intention of 'again submitting to the penal servitude of Parliamentary life.' Mr. Davitt's friends will be glad to know that his wife, an American, has inherited some property recently. The income from it is between three and four hundred per year, and its possession will relieve Davitt of the anxiety which, of late years, he has experienced in the effort to make ends meet. He was always comparatively poor, and the struggle had recently become acute.

It is twenty-two years since Professor Windle, the new President of Queen's College, Cork, became a convert, and since then he has taken a practical interest in every Catholic movement. When the Education Committee was formed in Birmingham under the new Act he was placed upon it as the Catholic representative. A paper of his was read at the last annual meeting of the Catholic Truth Society which was held in that city. Until he came to England to take an appointment he lived all his life, from the age of two, in Ireland. He has always described himself as an Irishman, and is not a little proud of the fact that in Sir Jonah Barrington's list of members of the last Irish Parliament, his great-grandfather, Lord Chief Justice Bushe, is described as 'incorruptible.'

The death is reported of Mr. John F. Kelly, of Subiaco, Western Australia, father of the Right Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Geraldton.