

Grand Master of Tyrone Orangemen, only received one Orange vote for the office of Chairman of the Dungannon Urban Council. He had been chairman for the past six years, but at a caucus meeting held in the Orange Hall, it was agreed to run Mr. Irwin, a local druggist, against him. This is the first time in living memory that the agent of the Ranfurly estate has not been elected chairman of the Town Commissioners. It was Mr. Chambre who presided at the meeting of the Grand Lodge at which Mr. Thomas Sloan, M.P., was expelled the order, and he is a brother-in-law of the late William Johnston, M.P., of Ballykilbeg.

GENERAL

The Chief Secretary Resigns

In the House of Commons last week Mr. Balfour regretfully announced Mr. Wyndham's resignation as Irish Secretary, partly on the ground of health, but chiefly on the ground that Mr. Wyndham's belief that the recent controversy had greatly impaired, if not wholly destroyed, the value of his work. Mr. Balfour hoped Mr. Wyndham would soon be sufficiently recovered to make a statement.

Election of Mayors

The following Mayors have been elected for the current year:—Dublin, Mr. Joseph Hutchinson, re-elected unanimously; Cork, Alderman Barrett, elected by 36 votes against 18 for Councillor Augustine Roche; Limerick, Alderman Joyce, M.P., elected unanimously; Clonmel, Councillor Skoan, elected unanimously; Drogheda, Councillor John Dolan; Derry, Alderman Ballentine; Kilkenny, Councillor E. O'Shea, re-elected; Sligo, Alderman Flanagan, re-elected by 17 votes to 4; Waterford, Sir James A. Power, re-elected by 22 votes to 17; Wexford, Mr. J. J. Stafford, re-elected; Belfast, Sir D. Dixon for the sixth time.

Urban Council Chairmen

The Urban Council Chairmen elected for 1905 are as follows:—Boyle, Mr. J. M'Drury (Labor); Killarney, Mr. D. A. Spillane; Mullingar, Mr. G. A. Shaw, re-elected unanimously; Galway, Sir J. O'Donoghue, re-elected; Fermoy, Mr. J. Sheehan; Tralee, Mr. T. Slatery; Portadown, Mr. C. Johnston; Omagh, Mr. M. Lynch; Newry, Mr. H. Loughran; Warrenpoint, Mr. J. Savage, J.P.; Enniskillen, Mr. J. Dundas; Armagh, Mr. J. Conway, J.P.; Athy, Mr. M. Minch; Naas, Mr. Hyland; Navan, Mr. J. Spicer; Carlow, Mr. M. Molloy; Wicklow, Mr. S. V. DeLahunt; Birr, Mr. J. Doolley; Tuam, Mr. J. M'Donnell; Westport, Mr. Wm. Doris; Longford, Mr. M. P. Molloy; Thurles, Mr. T. Ryan; Granard, Mr. Terence Reilly; Cashel, Mr. M. Devitt; Midleton, Mr. R. Fitzgerald.

Aid from America

In forwarding a remittance for £1000 to the Trustees of the Irish General Election Fund, the secretary of the United Irish League of America writes as follows:—It affords me much pleasure, on behalf of the United Irish League of America, to forward you another remittance of £1000 (making £7000 in all) of the amount pledged for the Irish General Election Fund at the second National Convention of the United Irish League, held in New York a few months since. The active interest of all our citizens in the Presidential election, which has since taken place, and the amount of other business falling to the lot of all our members during the Christmas holidays, have to some extent interfered with a more active propaganda in behalf of the fund for the past month or two. Now, however, with the advent of the new year, active steps are being taken to raise the balance of the amount then pledged, which will be provided as an evidence of good faith and sympathy with the Irish movement by the United Irish League of America.

Educational Bribes

The Irish Archbishops and Bishops, with Cardinal Logue in the chair, passed a series of strong resolutions at the quarterly meeting of their standing committee. They warned their flocks against the danger of accepting educational bribes in the shape of scholarships at Trinity College, called upon them to spurn them as their fathers spurned similar bribes in the past, and declared that Trinity College—Protestant in its government, teaching, and atmosphere—and also the Queen's Colleges are no places for Catholics. They urged the whole country to rally round the Parliamentary representatives in the fight for educational justice, and pointed out the necessity of additional money being spent in developing primary education and providing adequate salaries for the teachers.

People We Hear About

Surgeon-General Alfred Keogh, who has been appointed Director-General of the Army Medical Corps, is a son of the late Judge Keogh.

Mr. William Marconi, of wireless telegraphy fame, will celebrate his 30th birthday on April 25, and was in his 21st year when he brought his invention to England. Marconi has an Italian father and an Irish mother. A Dublin paper states that a marriage has been arranged between Mr. Marconi and the Hon. Beatrice O'Brien, fifth daughter of the late Lord Inchiquin.

Dr. Sullivan (says the Montreal 'True Witness') has retired from the Medical Faculty of Queen's College, Kingston, after fifty years' connection with the institution as student and professor. The careers of Farrel in Halifax, Hingston in Montreal, and Sullivan in Kingston remind us in the first place that while a great many rank and file physicians are materialists, the leaders of the profession are generally earnest Christian men; and in the second place, that a Catholic doctor does not always find his creed a hindrance to his advancement. Kingston has deserved to be called the Canadian Derry, yet Michael Sullivan has been its Mayor, has been the most honored professor in its Medical College, and sits in the Senate of the Dominion to represent the district of which it is the centre.

Lady Cork, now an aged woman and a widow, was Lady Emily de Burgh, is sister to Lord Clanricarde, and became the wife of the late Lord Cork in 1853. As a girl her beauty was so brilliant and so greatly admired that, at the time of her marriage, she received a jewelled gift subscribed for by the smart bachelors of London. Lady Cork has had a marvellous social record. Her husband was a noted Liberal peer, held office on several occasions, and she entertained Royalty and smart society in London and at Masterton House, Somerset. Lady Cork has, even now, the remains of her transcendent attractions. Her black eyes are still vivid, and their coloring continues brilliant. She never follows the fashion of the day, but dresses in a style of her own. Her head is always adorned by a black lace cap, which in the evening has for ornament a single pear-shaped pear; of great size and value, that drops on her forehead in the style that obtained in 1830. A competent authority has declared that the pearls of Lady Cork, Lady Iveagh, and Lady Lansdowne are among the most precious in London. Lady Cork and her late lord celebrated their golden wedding in July, 1903.

The sale by Sir T. H. Grattan Esmonde, Bart., M.P., of his Wexford estates to his tenantry furnishes occasion for recalling some interesting if not quite novel particulars of his ancestry:—Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde, Bart., M.P., is the chief Whip of the Irish Nationalist Party. With the Esmonde estate in Wexford, Sir Thomas should also have inherited a Wexford peerage which has long been regarded as beyond recall. His ancestor, Sir Lawrence Esmonde, who obtained large grants of confiscated land in the south-eastern corner of Ireland in the reign of James I., was created Lord Esmonde, Baron of Limerick, County Wexford. An unscrupulous man, he had the grace when he was dying in 1646 to leave his property to his son, Sir Thomas Esmonde, the first baronet, but for a romantic reason the peerage did not descend. Sir Lawrence Esmonde joined the Reformed Church, and in a military expedition in Connaught fell in love with a fair daughter of Thomas O'Flaherty, who was a zealous Catholic. They were married, and a son, Thomas, was born to them. Lady Esmonde, fearing that the boy would be brought up as a Protestant, fled with him to her family in Connaught. Her husband thereupon repudiated the marriage because it was contracted by a Protestant and a Catholic. He married again on the strength of this repudiation, but he had no further issue. His son Thomas received a baronetcy in 1728, and rose to be a General of the Catholic Confederation Army in the fight with Cromwell. His is the baronetcy which Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde enjoys to-day. The present Sir Thomas, it may be added, is a Catholic, and a Chamberlain of the Papal Household. Sir Thomas is—through his mother—the great-grandchild of the Immortal Henry Grattan, though he has but little of the eloquence of his illustrious forbear.

According to a letter from Honolulu an Irishman named Galbraith died there recently at the age of 80, leaving an estate of £40,000. He left most of his property to relatives and friends in Belfast and Galway.