

CORK—A Presentation

A handsome piece of solid silver and crystal and an illuminated address have been presented by the staff of the Fishery School, Baltimore, as a mark of appreciation, to Rev. Father Hill, who has retired from the managership to take up pastoral charge of Timoleague.

DUBLIN—A Nice Point

Lady Dockrell is chairman of the Blackrock Urban Council, and enjoys the distinction of being the first Irish lady to receive such an honor in Ireland. She has devoted much time and energy to the interests of the township. Her election raises a nice point. 'Chairmen of Urban Councils, by virtue of their office, hold the Commission of the Peace, and now the question arises—can a J.P.-ship be held by a lady?

Boycotting the Lord-Lieutenant

The London 'Evening News' publishes prominently a story which has reached it from Dublin to the effect that the King has heard that it is the intention of many Irish people to boycott Lord and Lady Aberdeen, and not to attend any of the Castle festivities. 'It is stated,' says the 'Evening News,' 'that his Majesty was so annoyed on hearing this that he said he would make a point of going to Dublin towards the end of the season and holding a drawing-room, or rather a Court, in person, and that none of those people who kept aloof from the Viceregal entertainments would be allowed to attend.'

Death of an Artist

The death took place recently at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, of Mr. William Jones, the well known black and white artist. He was a brother of 'Thaddeus,' the famous artist, whose pictures of Gladstone, Pope Leo XIII, and the present Pope gained such admiration. The brothers were very much alike in personal appearance. The late Mr. Jones possessed remarkable ability, and most of his work was notable for its delicacy of touch and correct drawing. Personally he was of a quiet and yet most genial disposition, and he had hosts of friends in the city to whom the news of his death in the fulness of his powers will come as a great shock.

KERRY—Fire in a Church

A serious fire occurred on January 29 at St. John's parish church, Tralee. The damage was estimated at £500.

SLIGO—Tenants Purchase their Holdings

On January 26, in the Land Judge's Court, Dublin, Justice Ross had before him the case of the estate of H. C. Lloyd, situated in the county of Sligo, in which thirty tenants are anxious to purchase their holdings. The Receiver stated that they were most respectable men, that they had heretofore paid their rents regularly; and those in arrear were so through no fault of their own. The Rev. Father Gallagher gave evidence on the tenants' behalf. Mr. Justice Ross said his terms were the payment of 3½ per cent. on the purchase money from November 1, 1903, to the date of the completion of the sale; 23 years' purchase for tenants who had had their rents fixed since 1896, and 21 years' for the others.

TIPPERARY—Sale of an Estate

The tenants on the Harden estate, Borrisoleigh, have agreed with the landlord's agent to purchase their holdings on the following terms: First term tenants to pay 20½, and second term tenants 22½ years' purchase respectively of present rents. Negotiations for the sale of this property were opened about twelve months ago, but fell through owing to the landlord's demand of 27 years' purchase.

GENERAL**Practical Sympathy**

American congratulations on the result of the elections (says the 'Freeman's Journal') takes the substantial and satisfactory form of a contribution of £2000. Never was the Irish movement stronger on the other side of the Atlantic; never more confident. The United Irish League of America, announcing the subscription, cables to Mr. Redmond:—'Your splendid leadership endorsed by Irish America, and confidence of winning Home Rule under your guidance stronger here than ever. America sustains united, pledge-bound party, no other.' In the struggle that is before the Party, under circumstances unprecedented in the history of the movement, this sympathy and support of Irish America is in truth an invaluable asset. In Canada and Australia support of the Irish cause is not less strong than in the United States.

People We Hear About

Sir James Matthew's retirement leaves the English Bench without a single Judge appointed during Mr. Gladstone's administrations. Only one survives in Ireland—Chief Baron Palles, also a Catholic.

The most Irish island in the West Indies is Montserrat, an English possession known as 'Little Ireland.' All the old Irish names are represented—Ryan, Reilly, Roach, O'Brien, and others—and borne by the vast majority of the 11,000 inhabitants. Even localities are known by the names of the owners of the neighboring sugar mills—O'Farrell's, Daly's, Furlong's, etc.

Great interest has been aroused, especially in the Catholic section of society in the United Kingdom, by the announcement of the engagement of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, only brother of the Marquis of Bute, whose heir-presumptive he is, to Viscount and Viscountess Gormanston's only daughter. Lord Ninian is nearly twenty-three, his fiancée, who recently acted as one of the young Marchioness of Bute's bridesmaids, being about the same age.

A remarkable feature of the new House of Commons will be the large number of literary men and journalists among its members. Mr. A. E. W. Mason, the well known novelist, has been returned for Coventry; Sir G. Parker, who has made the Canadian North-west familiar to the British public, is the member for Gravesend; Mr. Hilaire Belloc, whose 'Path to Rome' entranced so many readers, represents Salford South. Other well known writers in the new House are Mr. H. Paul, the well known historian, essayist, and critic; Mr. C. F. Masterman, and Mr. Henry Norman.

Mr. Joseph Patrick Nannetti, Member of Parliament for one of the divisions of Dublin, Lord Mayor of Dublin, and chief compositor of the 'Freeman's Journal,' was born in 1851, and is the son of an Italian sculptor and modeller. He was educated at the schools of the Christian Brothers, Dublin. He was apprenticed to the printing trade, and was afterwards employed in Liverpool, where he was one of the founders of the Home Rule organisation. Later he became secretary and afterward president of the Trade Council of Dublin, a member of the Corporation of Dublin and of the Port and Docks Board.

Mr. Hilaire Belloc, the brilliant young writer, who has wrested South Salford, after an exceedingly warm contest, from a powerful local brewer, has held a prominent place in literature and journalism in recent years. He is partly of French origin, and served for a time as a driver in the French Artillery, as described in his 'Path to Rome.' After this experience he came back to England, and had a distinguished career at Balliol, where he was the centre of an active group of Liberal undergraduates. After leaving Balliol he devoted himself to journalism and literature, and has long been known as a brilliant critic of recent 'Imperialism.'

Lord de Clifford, who recently married an actress of the Aldwych Theatre, is the twenty-fifth baron of his house, the creation dating back to 1299, the first Baron, who was also Earl Marshal of England, falling at the Battle of Bannockburn. The present Baron, who is twenty-two years of age, succeeded his father twelve years ago; and as the title has several times been in abeyance (once in the 17th century for 86 years) for want of a male heir, the introduction of new blood into the line by the latest holder of the title renders the marriage all the more noteworthy.

A correspondent of the Edinburgh 'Catholic Herald,' writing with reference to Lord Lovat, says: 'Lord Lovat's grandfather was a Catholic, but his great-grandfather was not. He married a Miss Leslie, or Duguid-Leslie, of Balquhan, a lady of an old Catholic stock, who still inherit that property, as well as property in Derbyshire, which they got by marriage to a lady of the Eyre stock. These Frasers were descendants of the Lovat stock through a son of Lord Lovat's, in the reign of Queen Mary. This son was Fraser of Knockie, near Fort-Augustus, not then built. He married a lady who brought him the estate of Strickers, which in due time came by direct descent to Thomas Fraser, the son of the Catholic lady named Leslie. On the failure of the descendants of the Lovat of '45 (who was beheaded), Thomas Fraser succeeded by a deed of entail granted by the Hon. the Master of Lovat, who should have been Lord Lovat had the peerage not been attained through his father's share in the rebellion. Thomas Fraser was grandfather of this Lord Lovat. He got the attainder removed and claimed the peerage, and in this way the family, which had been long Protestant, became again Catholic.'