

Board on September 5, a vote of condolence, on the motion of Mr. P. J. Hayes, seconded by Mr. P. O'Reilly, was passed with the family of the late Mr. Lyons in their bereavement.

### Instructing the Farmers

At a recent meeting of the County Limerick Agricultural committee, Mr. R. Coll, J.P., proposed that £200 be devoted to the training of farmers, so that they should have all the profit which should be theirs out of the Irish butter trade. The person appointed, in addition to instructing the farmers as to manufacture, marketing, etc., should also act as organiser, and point out to the farmers the great advantages from co-operation. He looked upon co-operation as the salvation of the country. They would not, as things went, get twenty farmers who could tell them how many gallons of milk would make a pound of butter. The farmers' profits were at present largely going to the middleman.

### Death of a Prominent Citizen

The death has taken place at his residence, 'The Crescent,' Limerick, of Mr. John Clune, J.P., tobacco manufacturer, in his fifty-sixth year, after a lingering illness. Mr. Clune was a very successful business man, and was for nearly twenty years a member of the Limerick Corporation. He was also a member of other local Boards, and was made a Magistrate some sixteen years ago.

### MAYO—Dedication of a Church

On Sunday, September 30, his Grace, the Archbishop of Tuam solemnly dedicated a new church just erected in Mullrany, and preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation. Having congratulated the clergy and people of the district on the completion of the sacred edifice, he pointed out that it was God and not man who selected the site for a church. When they spoke of the Church in its full sense, they did not mean the material building, but the Church with all its spiritual equipment and with the fountain of regeneration, where the children of the faithful were baptised and the stains of original sin swept away.

### Death of a well-known lady

The death of Mrs. Catherine Devine, Carracastle, County Mayo, being unexpected, came as a very painful shock to relatives and friends. At the Requiem High Mass there was a very large attendance of the clergy, some thirty-five of them being present. The celebrant was her son, Rev. A. Devine (formerly assistant priest at Seacombe, Cheshire). The remains were interred in the family burial ground, Carracastle, in the presence of a large gathering of mourners.

### TIPPERARY—Religion in the Schools

Speaking at the opening of a bazaar in aid of the Christian schools, Clonmel, the Earl of Donoughmore said education was something far more sincere than the mere learning of a few facts, and they could not educate people properly and lift them up as honorable, useful citizens if they divorced religion from the school. He was gratified to think that there was no sign of the advocacy of such divorce in Ireland, whatever might be going on in England.

### WEXFORD—A Priest passes away

The death occurred on October 2 of Rev. Father Fanning, a Wexford priest, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Stephen's Green, Dublin, where he was undergoing treatment for an ailment that had caused him to give up duty in South Africa a year ago. Father Fanning was ordained about 31 years ago, and after a short curacy in Newtownbarry he volunteered, with other Wexford priests, for missionary work in South Africa.

'The Welcome Stranger,' one of the largest nuggets found on earth—it weighed 2516 ounces of pure gold, and was valued at £9553—was discovered by Mr. J. Deeson and Mr. Richard Oates at Moliagul (Vic.), on February 5, 1869. Oates died at Woodstock (Vic.) the other day, at the age of 79.

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## People We Hear About

One of the former students of Stonyhurst College, Major and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel P. A. Kenna, V.C., D.S.G., has been given the command, by special promotion, of the 21st. Empress of India's Lancers, which has been vacant since the retirement of Colonel J. Powle, of Chaburn. Colonel Kenna goes over the head of the second in command of the regiment, who is his senior in age and service.

Miss O'Connor Eccles is a West of Ireland lady of unusually varied accomplishments, and the committee of the Munster Connacht Exhibition did a wise thing when they gave her charge of the Cottage Industry Section. She is of a very old and distinguished family, being a near relative of the princely house of O'Connor Don. She knows how to manage a farm, a dairy, and a garden, how to housekeep, keep accounts, cook, sew, and nurse the sick; how to lecture on household economies and household management, and finally, she is a novelist, essayist, and short-story writer of wide repute.

Of the small number of Peeresses of England or Scotland in their own right, the only Catholic hitherto has been the youthful Baroness Beaumont. There is, however, now a second Catholic Baroness of England, in the person of Lady Wentworth, hitherto known as Lady Mary Milbanke, who, by the death of her father, second Earl of Lovelace, and twelfth Baron Kentworth, has succeeded to the latter dignity, created in 1529, and one of those peerages heritable by heirs-female. Lady Wentworth is in her 35th year, and unmarried. Her aunt, Lady Anne Blunt, the late Lord Lovelace's only sister, is also a Catholic, and Lady Mary Milbanke has been much with her since her father's second marriage some years ago.

Cardinal Merry del Val when a little boy took piano lessons at Brussels from M. Albeniz, then a student at the Conservatoire. Some of the teacher's reminiscences of his pupil are published in a French paper. 'He was,' says M. Albeniz, 'a delightful child, exquisitely distinguished in his manner and captivated everybody with his charm. Never in my life have I known a pupil more persevering or more attentive. And I remember one amusing detail which often recurred to me when I saw my pupil become a priest and rise from one high ecclesiastical position to another. When he was about eight and I was about eighteen, I often used to amuse myself by asking the young Raphael what he meant to become when he grew up. To my delight this son of a diplomat used invariably to reply, "I mean to be a tram conductor." As things turned out, M. Albeniz's pupil has done rather better than that.

Americans reckon that Sir Thomas Lipton, who runs many groceries in Britain, is outclassed as a grocer by James Butler, of New York. Butler is a Kilkenny man, who runs 166 retail grocery stores in Greater New York. He was born in the Tower, Kilkenny, fifty years ago, and is the son of a farmer. He first owned the clothes he wore when he emigrated at the age of nineteen. As a steward in Windsor Hotel, New York, he saved 2000 dollars, and set up his landlady's son, P. J. O'Connor, in a grocery business. It was to save the lad's failing health that the partnership was started, Butler remaining at his job. O'Connor recovered his health, and the partnership of O'Connor and Co. prospered amazingly. Butler was the Co. In 1886 Butler bought O'Connor out of his three small stores, and in twenty years Butlerised grocery stores began to spring up all over New York 'in a night,' and the name of 'James Butler' began to stand for the popular idea of grocerying.

'M.A.P.' has noted the interesting fact that the three leading figures in the recent negotiations with the Sultan were Irish, namely, Lord Charles Beresford, Sir Nicholas O'Connor, the consul, and Mr. Andrew Ryan, vice-consul at Constantinople. Mr. Ryan, although his name has not been much mentioned, has taken a very prominent part during the crisis. Before going to Constantinople three years ago Mr. Ryan saw much service in Persia and the East generally. He is a native of Cork, where his standing in the Queen's University is a record. His family may be regarded as remarkably clever. One of his brothers holds a high position in the Indian forest service, and another is a Dominican priest. His sister, Miss May Ryan, has been the most distinguished lady student that has ever been enrolled in the Royal University, and her wonderful series of successes, culminating in the unique honor of a fellowship, has been one of the stock arguments for more generous treatment for women in university education.