

bride is a sister of Mr. Daniel Power, County Councillor, and of Mr. Martin Power, Ballinahask House.

Death of a Nobleman.

Lord Maurice Fitzgerald died of meningitis, following influenza, at his residence Johnstown Castle, Wexford, on April 24. Deceased, although a Unionist, was a gentleman of wide and liberal views and had the welfare of Ireland sincerely at heart. He was extremely popular with his Nationalist fellow-countrymen, who deeply deplore his early demise. Lord Maurice was a brother of the Duke of Leinster. He leaves a widow, the eldest daughter of Lord Granard, and several children to mourn their loss.

GENERAL.

An Important Resolution.

At the recent meeting of the archbishops and bishops of Ireland at Maynooth the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—That we regard the claim of the training colleges at Belfast and Limerick and Waterford under the national system of education to "free houses" as they have been granted to the Dublin colleges, which do similar work subject to precisely the same conditions, as just and reasonable, and in the interests of primary education throughout the country as almost necessary, inasmuch as the payment of the annuity on their building loans is so severe a tax on their income as to make it almost impossible for them to bring the training of their students up to a proper standard of excellence, or meet the ever-increasing requirements of modern education.

The Old Language.

The Irish Literary Society of London is offering a prize for an essay in Irish on Brian Boru, as well as one for an essay in English on the Early Institutions of Ireland. It seems to be recognised that the acquisition of a good prose style in Irish is harder than in English, for while competitors in the latter tongue must be under 35, those running for the Irish prize have five years more allowed them. The prizes for the essay of last year have gone to Mr. Henry Mangan, a Dublin man, and Mr. Hugh Law, of Donegal, although the competition is not confined to Irishmen, nor to the members of the Society.

Funeral of Dr. Tanner.

The funeral of the late Dr. Tanner, M.P., took place on Friday, April 26. Almost at the last moment the time of the funeral was altered from 11.30 to 9.30 a.m., consequently few people were present. A number of Irish Members of Parliament, including Mr. J. F. X. O'Brien, Mr. J. Nolan, Mr. J. P. Farrell, Mr. J. P. Nannetti, and Major J. E. Jameson, arrived at Paddington Station at 10 o'clock, about an hour after the coffin had left, and proceeded to Kensal Green Cemetery. The coffin was first taken to the Catholic chapel at the cemetery, where a *Requiem* Mass was celebrated, Father Weale, of Reading, officiating. The interment afterwards took place in the family vault in the Protestant part of the cemetery. The chief mourners were Major Tanner and Mrs. Dashwood Hertzell. Among those who visited the grave were the Members of Parliament already mentioned and the following.—Mr. J. Murphy, M.P., Mr. J. O'Donnell, M.P., Mr. M. J. Flavin, M.P., Mr. J. O'Connor, M.P., Sir T. G. Esmonde, M.P., Mr. W. Redmond, M.P., Mr. J. Redmond, M.P., Mr. P. White, M.P., Mr. J. G. Weir, M.P., Mr. W. Field, M.P., Mr. T. McGovern, M.P., Mr. Hayden, M.P., Dr. R. Ambrose, M.P., Mr. W. Abraham, M.P., Mr. Delaney, M.P., Dr. Fitzgerald, Mr. J. Cox, and Mr. M. Austin. Wreaths were sent by the Irish Parliamentary Party and by Major Tanner, Mrs. Dashwood Hertzell, Mr. Sexton, and Mrs. Hardie. In the course of the forenoon Father Terence J. Cullen, of St. Joseph's College, Mill Hill, read the *De Profundis* at the graveside.

Mr. T. W. Russell's Campaign.

Mr. T. W. Russell's campaign in Ulster proceeds without a single reverse. Mr. Russell has visited many of the constituencies represented in the House of Commons by members who pledged themselves to support compulsory sale and failed to keep their promises. His impeachment of such members in their own constituencies has been ratified in every case so far by public opinion. The special significance of a recent meeting at Maghera, at which the South Derry electors censured Mr. Gordon, M.P., for his recreant vote on Compulsory Sale cannot be overlooked. Mr. Russell declared that a Unionist candidate sound on Compulsory Sale was ready to oppose Mr. Gordon at the first opportunity. He declared also that 'the Ulster farmers mean business. Every one of these seats will be fought.'

Considering the enormous strides made in medical science during the nineteenth century, it is not surprising that the number of remedies for all kinds of diseases has greatly increased during recent years. One has only to glance through the advertising columns of the papers to realise this fact, and sufferers must sometimes be sorely puzzled to decide what particular cure they will try. Many of the old-time remedies no doubt admirably serve the purpose for which they were intended, but without attempting to derogate from their merits, it must be remembered that in these matters the pharmacists of the present day are far ahead of their predecessors. Evans's Witches' Oil is a preparation which is the result of the experience of the past combined with the improved knowledge of the present generation, and as a never-failing cure for rheumatics in all its phases, pleurisy, colds in the chest and lungs, and such minor, but still troublesome, complaints, as mumps, quincy, or spasms, it cannot be equalled. In case of sprains, strains, bruises, and surface wounds it will be found an immediate remedy, easily applied, while taken internally it is invariably successful in warding off attacks of influenza. Sold at all chemists and storekeepers throughout the Colony at 2s 6d and 4s 6d per bottle. Agents: Messrs. Kempthorne, Prosser and Co., throughout New Zealand.—*.*

People We Hear About

Mr. W. H. Purse, who for many years carried on the business of 'hermit' at Island Bay, Wellington, is a nephew of General Sir Binden Blood. Mr. James Brown, of Wellington, who was formerly a sergeant in the Eighteenth Royal Irish Regiment, has known the family in Ireland for many years.

The Speaker of the Commonwealth House of Representatives (Mr. Holder) and the President of the Senate (Sir Richard Baker) both receive £1500 a year, in addition to their ordinary Parliamentary salary of £400. The Chairman of Committees in each House will get £900 a year.

The oldest musical society in the world, the Academy of St. Cecilia, in Rome, now in its 316th year, has just granted the 'Order of St. Cecilia' in the form of a medal, to Miss Lillian Blauvelt, to mark its appreciation of the lady's singing in the recent commemorative performance of Verdi's 'Requiem.' Miss Blauvelt is the first woman to be thus honored by the Society, and only the eighth foreigner thus honored during the past 316 years.

Copenhagen has been celebrating the 700th anniversary of the death of Bishop Absalon, who founded that city. At that time there were only a few fishermen's huts where now stands the Danish capital, a city of about 500,000 inhabitants. A century ago only 100,000 people lived there, but the growth of the last 30 years has been enormous. A great copper monument of the Bishop, provided by public subscription, has been unveiled in front of the new town hall.

Lord Ffrench, who has left England in the Dunvegan Castle for Capetown, was a resident in Johannesburg before the war, having settled there chiefly on account of the delicate health of his wife. This young Catholic peer (says the *London Star*) is an ardent Home Ruler. One of the former holders of the title was removed from the Commission of the Peace for attending a Repeal meeting in O'Connell's time, and it is said that the title was originally conferred on the widow of Sir Charles Ffrench in 1798 in the hope of modifying her son's ardor in the cause of Irish independence.

The editor of the *Siam Free Press* at Bangkok, Siam, is an Irishman, Michael O'Leary Dempsey, who comes from Clonakilty, in the neighborhood of which many of his friends and relatives still live. Fifteen years ago he went East as a teacher in the Christian Brothers' Institution at Singapore. In '93 he was appointed head master of the Assumption College at Bangkok. After six years spent there he took up the editorship of the *Siam Free Press*, a daily evening paper, having the largest circulation in that territory.

Creighton University, at Omaha, Neb., received 75,000dol as an Easter gift from Mr. John A. Creighton, the brother of the man in whose honor the institution was named. This is the latest of a series of magnificent donations which the Creightons have given to Omaha. Edward Creighton's widow endowed Creighton College with 150,000dol. This endowment was supplemented by Mr. John A. Creighton and his wife with large donations. On the death of his wife, who had bequeathed 50,000dol as a nucleus to build a hospital, Mr. Creighton built and equipped St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, at an outlay of 250,000dol. There are a few of the many gifts made in the cause of religion and charity by this Catholic family.

The *Daily News* is endeavoring to establish a connection between the leader of the Opposition and Ireland. It says:—If the sentimental ties of the past have any influence with the Irish Party in the House, its members should be united with the regular Opposition by other bonds than those of a common policy and common expediency; for in the Liberal leader they have a man whose family connection with the 'Land of Laughter and Tears' is a historic one. On his mother's side Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is the grandson of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, and great-grandson of Thomas Sheridan, "the manager" and tutor of the Prince Regent. From the same source he is the direct descendant of Oheh Moyvane, the Monarch of Ireland, and the latter's eldest son, Brian, King of Connaught. Oheh was also father of Nial the Great. The last chief of this Royal sept was Sheridan, the founder of the famous patronymic that was to become so justly celebrated centuries later as the name of the man of whom Byron said that his reputation was enviable, in so much as he had written the two best comedies, the best opera, and the best farce, and made the best speech of his age.

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