

charged his duties as parish priest of Hannahstown with a conscientiousness, earnestness, and zeal of which all who knew him have always spoken in terms of the highest praise.

CORK.—City Officials.

At a recent meeting of the Cork Corporation two important appointments were filled—those of Law Adviser and Town Clerk. The vacancies were created by the death of the late Mr. Alexander McCarthy, who held the joint offices, which the Corporation now decided to divide. Mr. Barry C. Galvin, solicitor, and at present Executive Sanitary Officer under the Corporation was unanimously appointed Town Clerk, he being the only candidate. For the position of Law Adviser there were two candidates, Mr. Florence McCarthy, solicitor, son of the late Town Clerk, and Mr. Michael Murphy, solicitor. On a division, Mr. McCarthy was elected by 35 votes to 19.

A Landlord's Opinion.

Mr. Pierce O'Mahony, speaking as chairman of a United Irish League meeting at Dunlavin, said that, though a landlord he was proud to stand on such a platform and to advocate Compulsory Sale and Purchase as the only solution of the Irish land question. He thought the landlords' time could be better occupied in smoothing the way for purchase than in complaining of what they called injustice done to them by the Land Act of 1881.

The Exhibition.

That our exhibition will be a gigantic success is now beyond all manner of doubt (writes a Cork correspondent). One has only to look at the last meeting of the Executive Committee to feel satisfied on this point. All the preliminaries are in a very forward state, and so far the most sanguine expectations of the promoters have been fully realised. The exhibition buildings are being rapidly run up, and even in their present unfinished state present a very fine appearance, indeed. The site is visited daily by large numbers of citizens, and by all it is declared that a more suitable and charming spot could not have been selected for the great Exposition. The applications for space closed on November 30, and the only difficulty the committee are likely to experience is that of finding room for all. They may, at all events, be depended upon to do what they possibly can in the matter. That our exhibition will be a truly international one can be seen from the fact that exhibits are coming to us from England, Scotland, France, Austria, Hungary, Russia, Italy, United States, Canada, West Australia, Turkey, and Japan. The space applied for from Canada is exceptionally large, and with a view to meeting the demand, the executive have decided to add another section to the Industrial Hall. Gratifying as is the widespread recognition extended to the exhibition, it is still more gratifying to know that Irish manufacturers are quite as wide awake to the opportunities of the hour as our friends in foreign parts. The number of Irish exhibits will form a very strong and notable feature of the exposition. It is a hopeful sign of the times to see those amongst us at home, who sustain the few industries that remain to us, determined to keep abreast of the times, and to keep pace with competitors from abroad.

DONEGAL.

On November 20 Glenmore House, the fine old mansion of Sir Samuel Styles, three miles from Stranorlar, County Donegal, was completely destroyed by fire. The mansion was occupied by Mr. Woodrow, a Scottish gentleman, who has shooting on the estate. The fire is believed to have originated while a servant was lighting a fire in a bedroom. A

large quantity of valuable property was destroyed. The horses were got out before the stable caught. The supply of water was very meagre.

People

A despatch from Rome says it is expected there that the Czar will shortly visit the King and Queen of Italy, in which case an interview will be arranged between the Pope and his Majesty.

Mr. James Jeffrey Roche, editor of the 'Boston Pilot,' dined with his friend, President Roosevelt, the other day.

Mgr. Reggio, Archbishop of Genoa, died at Tirora on November 21, aged 83 years. He had been a Bishop since 1877.

The Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is very plain in his tastes and habits. At six o'clock in the morning he takes breakfast, consisting of some cold meat, coffee, and fresh-made bread and cake. Between twelve and one o'clock he takes his déjeuner, two dishes of meat and some ordinary pastry. Dinner is served at six o'clock sharp. All his meals are served in his library at his writing desk. Not even a tablecloth is spread. His personal valet on duty receives the dishes in an antechamber on a large tray, and puts the tray before the Emperor on his desk. Very often the Emperor takes a spoonful of soup between two sips of wine. He is a very busy man. With the meal the menu for next day's dinner is sent up and laid before the Emperor. It contains two soups, patties, fish, two entrees, two roasts, two desserts, pastry, cheese, fruit, etc., and the Emperor with a blue pencil crosses off whatever he does not want. The Emperor does not care much for wine. He prefers a glass of beer. Nor does he indulge in expensive Havana cigars. A plain home-made cigar, the so-called Virginia cigar long and thin, with a straw running through it, is his favorite smoke. These cigars cost only five kreuzer—that is, about two-pence apiece.

The grand name of Victoria (says 'M.A.P.') belongs by right to the dead and gone Victorian era, the late Queen having herself acted as godmother to the children of many distinguished subjects. For nearly 40 years the pretty name of Alexandria has, for the same reason, run a good second to that of Victoria. The fashionable names of 20 years ago—sacred to the three-volume novel—include such well-worn examples as Florence, Blanche, Ethel, Mabel, and Ada. Each of the three kingdoms has, even now, its own national nomenclature. Ireland owns many beautiful names such as Clodagh, Clare, Doreen, Sheelah, Kathleen, Geraldine and Jerne, which is, I think, the ancient name for Ireland. Scotland has several special cognomens, rarely heard across the border. Of these are Elspeth, Grizelle, Jeanie, and Euphemia. Wales is not without its individual names. Gladys is very Welsh, and so are Gwenfer and Gwynedd. All the above-mentioned names are borne by well-known Society women, Irish, Scotch, and Welsh. Among others, Lady Clodagh Anson, Lady Jerne Tufton, Miss Clare O'Brien, Lady Grizelle Cochran, Miss Elspeth Campbell, and Miss Gwenfer Williams.

The new Mayor of Lyme Regis, England, is Mr. John Reginald Charles Talbot, J.P., the eldest son of Mr. John Reginald Francis George Talbot, J.P., of Rhode Hill, Uplyme, Devon. He was born on the 15th November, 1861, was educated at Oscott College and for a time was Lieutenant of the 3rd Battalion, Prince of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment. He married on the 2nd Au-

gust, 1887 Maria Josephine, only daughter of the Duc de Stacpoole. The Talbots of Rhode Hill claim an ancient lineage, having directly descended from Talbot de Malahide (subsequently Earl and Baron) of Dublin.

Sir Nicholas Roderick O'Connor, who has just left Constantinople for London on leave of absence (says 'M.A.P.'), shares with The O'Connor Don the honor of being sprung from Roderick, last Milesian monarch of Ireland, who concluded the famous Windsor Treaty with Henry II. in 1175. The O'Connor Don and Sir Nicholas both trace their descent from Sir Hugh O'Connor of Balintubber, the undoubted representative of the Irish kings. Sir Nicholas succeeded his elder brother Patrick a quarter of a century ago as owner of a century ago as the family estate in Roscommon. He married ten years later the eldest niece of the Duke of Norfolk, by whom he has three daughters. Lady O'Connor is of too retiring a disposition to shine brilliantly in society, but both she and Sir Nicholas are popular in Constantinople, both at the Yildiz Kiosk and among their countrymen at that curious capital.

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