

koura, and a native of Macroom. The rev. chairman said he was delighted to see such a large gathering—to see there assembled the young and old, the rich and poor, all classes—from the city and from the neighborhood. He had great confidence that they would not only have a strong branch of the League in the district, but also that they would persevere. They should learn and acquire the language of St. Patrick—the language in which he conveyed the Faith to our forefathers, and made this land the country of saints and scholars; the language of St. Columba; the language of St. Brigid, the Mary of Ireland; the language of Brian Boru and all the great heroes of ancient Ireland. They should all have a pride in their own language; and if they had not, then they were not worthy sons and daughters of the land. The Irish language, too, had a great bearing on the industries of their country, and since the movement had begun a great improvement had taken place in the land. New industries had been started; they would, he hoped, be a permanency, and would flourish and do great good. Next to the language, they should learn the Irish music and the Irish dances, which were honest and which were pure. It was, he went on to say, hopeful to see so many present that day, and he hoped before many years had elapsed they would all be able to speak their own language well—to speak it, to read it, to write it.

The Royal Visit

On the Royal yacht arriving in Queenstown Harbor their Majesties the King and Queen sailed in the warship Vivid up the Lee to Cork city, and received a very warm welcome on landing. Driving to the Racecourse, the King presented new colors to a couple of Irish regiments, and afterwards paid a visit to the Cork Exhibition, where a number of addresses were presented. In reply to these his Majesty expressed himself highly pleased with his visit, and before leaving he summoned Mr. Horace Plunkett on board the Royal yacht and bestowed on him the Order of Knighthood, making him a Knight of the Royal Victorian Order. The King on leaving Ireland directed the publication of an address to the Irish people expressing his acknowledgments for the kindness and goodwill shown him. His expectations, he said, had been exceeded, and wherever he had gone, in town or country, he had been received with loyalty and affection which had made an enduring impression on his heart. Lord Iveagh, who was formerly Mr. Guinness, of porter fame, intimated a gift of £50,000 to be divided among the Dublin hospitals, Protestant and Catholic alike. The King, through whom this gift is made, expressed his great satisfaction at Lord Iveagh's beneficence.

DUBLIN.—Profit on Stout

The profits of Messrs. Guinness and Co., the well-known brewers of Dublin, for the year ended June 30, amounted to over one million sterling. After making very liberal allowances for depreciation and incidental expenses, they have declared a dividend of 16 per cent., with a bonus of four per cent.

GALWAY.—The Visit of the King and Queen

The tour through Connaught was quite an unparalleled experience for the King and Queen. They went visiting in the cottages of the peasantry, and, of course, everywhere received a very courteous welcome. At Recess the Royal party were rather surprised, and evidently much gratified, by the incursion of an unauthorised bodyguard which was immediately christened the Connemara Cavalry, consisting of about 100 farmers and farmers' sons mounted on Connemara ponies and carrying themselves with a good deal of enthusiastic cheering. The King visited the marble quarries, and as the party was leaving Recess a poor woman presented a petition to the Queen asking the liberation of her husband, who was in gaol for assault. The petition was granted. Before the party left Galway a bouquet was presented to the Queen by Miss Murphy, whose father was election agent for Colonel Lynch.

KERRY.—Gift to a Church

Mr. Daniel O'Callaghan, merchant, Castleisland, has presented the Rev. C. McCarthy, P.P., Killentierna, Castleisland, with a magnificent new altar for the Currow Catholic Church. This beautiful piece of workmanship has been turned out at the Castlerosse Furniture Industries. The entire work is creditable in the highest degree to the artistic taste and skill of the workers in the Castlerosse Industries. Mr. O'Callaghan has on more than one occasion contributed large sums towards the beautifying of the Castleisland church.

A little wonder is the Broadcast Patent Seed-sower, sold by Morrow, Bassett, and Co. For sowing turnip, rape, grass, and clover seed it has no equal, while for oats, wheat, and barley you have only to see it to know its value. A boy can work it. Sow four acres per hour, and any quantity up to six bushels per acre. Price only 20s.—***

People We Hear About

Mr. Henry J. Cloran, K.C., one of the best-known young Irish Catholics of Montreal, has been appointed to the vacancy in the Canadian Senate by the death of the late Hon. James O'Brien.

Before leaving Queenstown the King summoned the Right Hon. Horace Plunkett on board the Royal yacht, and having expressed his personal appreciation of the services which Mr. Plunkett had rendered to Ireland conferred upon him the honor of knighthood, and presented him with the Knight Commandership of the Royal Victorian Order.

Sir H. A. Blake (Governor of Hong Kong since 1896) has just been appointed to the Governorship of Ceylon. Queensland, it will be remembered, declined his appointment so strongly in the eighties, in consequence of his drastic police administration in Ireland, that Downing street took the hint and sent him to the West Indies.

Mr. John Gubbins, the popular and wealthy race-horse owner, of Bruree, County Limerick, has the luck of a seventh son of the seventh son. His great horse, patriotically named Ard Patrick, winner, like its owner's Galtee More, of the Derby, has just been sold to a German for £20,000, the same sum as was given by the Russian Government for Galtee More. But even here Mr. Gubbins' good fortune with Ard Patrick was not gone, for in winning the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown some weeks ago he credited his old master with another ten thousand.

The late Pontiff, writes Mr. George R. Sims, in 'Men and Women,' was possessed of a considerable fund of humor, and a characteristic story of his wit is worth telling. When a Nuncio he was dining at a certain Monarch's table, and an imprudent foreign ambassador produced a rather inmodest photograph of a lady prominent in society. To annoy the Nuncio, he inquired of him what he thought of it. At once Joachim Pecci seized the picture, glanced at it, and in a loud voice observed, 'Capital! Is it the portrait of your wife?' Few men were gifted with a readier tongue than the genial veteran who has just passed away.

The recent celebration of Sir Stephen de Vere's 91st birthday at Foynes, County Limerick, was a unique function, as the poet-baronet, by way of evidence of his undimmed powers of versification, had neatly turned off some exquisite translations from the Latin in commemoration of the event. Though overshadowed as a poet by the greater powers of his deceased brother (Aubrey de Vere), the Lord of Curragh Chase, born on July 26th, 1812, has given the world perhaps the finest English translation of the Odes of Horace. The Walter Scott Publishing Co. have issued a revised edition of his 'Horace' in the 'Canterbury Poets.' Sir Stephen de Vere succeeded to the title and property in 1880, but his father, Sir Aubrey de Vere (whose real name was Hunt), died as far back as July 28th, 1846.

Colonel Ross-of-Bladensburg, who as Chief Commissioner of the Dublin Metropolitan Police was responsible for the safety of the King while in the Irish capital, is the grandson of General Ross, who captured Washington in 1814 and burnt the White House. The right to use 'of Bladensburg' as an addition to the surname was conferred by the Regent on the widow and descendants of General Ross in memory of the victory at Bladensburg before Washington was taken. Colonel Ross-of-Bladensburg, the present head of the family, succeeded his brother, who was a barrister of Lincoln's Inn and afterwards a Jesuit priest. As an officer of the Coldstream Guards he saw service in the Suakin campaign in 1885, and has been on the military staff of Earl Spencer and Earl Carnarvon when Viceroy of Ireland. His mother was a daughter of Viscountess Masserene in her own right, and his great-grandfather on the maternal side was the Right Hon. John Foster, Baron Oriel, the last Speaker of the Irish House of Commons and a stern anti-Unionist.

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