

and serving in the Army at the present moment, I am not taking into account, but allowing for casualties, is 142,000. Therefore, I say that it is quite untrue to say that Nationalist Ireland, in this matter, in spite of all she has passed through in the past, has not done her duty. I think the hon. member must recognise I have only alluded to the religion of the soldiers because in a rough-and-ready way I do not accept the division myself, but it has been taken as a test of their politics, and it shows that the Nationalist part of the population have done their duty.

A SUCCESSFUL CORK MAN.

An interesting Irish name which figures in the New Year Honors List as a K.C.M.G., is that of Mr. Andrew Ryan, who until the date of Turkey's entrance into the war was First Dragoman at the British Embassy at Constantinople. Mr. Ryan, who is a native of Cork, was one of the most successful students who ever competed in the Irish Intermediate and Royal University examinations. When at the Christian Brothers' Schools in his native city he carried off first place in each of the three Intermediate grades, and continued this record unbroken through all the Arts examinations of the Royal University. From the University he passed with distinction the examination for student interpreter in the Consular service, and during the greater part of his time in the service was stationed at Constantinople. The honor of Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George now conferred upon him follows a most complimentary tribute recently paid to him by Lord Robert Cecil in the House of Commons. The critics of the Government had complained that the Ambassador and other British officials at Constantinople were without a knowledge of the Turkish language, and to this they attributed in a large degree the fact that German diplomacy had succeeded in winning Turkey for the Central Empires. Lord Robert Cecil, however, pointed out that, while this was so in the case of the Ambassador and some of the other officials, they had at their service Mr. Ryan, who has a perfect command of Turkish, and to whose all-round ability Lord Robert gave great praise. The conclusion left on the mind by Lord Robert Cecil's statement was that if all the other officials had been as well up in their work as Mr. Ryan the story of Turkey's part in the war might well have been different. Mr. Ryan, it must be added, is not the only distinguished member of his family. His sister, Miss Mary Ryan, whose Intermediate and University career was similar to his own, is Professor of Romance Languages at the University College, Cork; and one of his brothers is a member of the Jesuit Order.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 14.

The sermon on Sunday evening was a panegyric on St. Patrick, and was preached by Rev. Father Herbert to a very large congregation.

Rev. Father Goggan, S.M., left last week to take up his duties in Temuka. Rev. Father Herbert, S.M., who is replacing him here, arrived on Saturday last.

On Sunday morning at the half-past 7 o'clock Mass the members of the Hibernian Society in regalia, and in their full strength, received Holy Communion. Rev. Father Murphy, who celebrated the Mass, complimented the society on the splendid number present, which spoke well not only for the practical faith of the members, but also for the good the society was doing in the parish.

The concert, which is to be held in the Theatre on Friday next to celebrate the feast day of Ireland's patron saint, promises to be quite up to the standard of those held in previous years. Besides the excellence of the programme, the object of the concert is a very worthy one, as the proceeds are to be devoted to some very necessary improvements to the boys' school.

People We Hear About

The following Irishmen or men of Irish descent were the recipients of New Year Honors:—

Sir Francis E. Kearney, who has been selected for knightly distinction, is a well-known solicitor in Limerick who has taken an active part in recruiting work in the South of Ireland.

Sir Thomas George Shaughnessy, K.C.V.O., who has been raised to the Peerage, is President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., and is President and Director of a number of other railway companies, all of which are directly or indirectly connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway. He is of Irish parentage.

Lord Mayor O'Shea, who is one of the new knights, was born near Kanturk, and having spent some years in the United States, returned to Ireland, established a large bakery business in Cork, and after some years was elected to the Corporation. He was High Sheriff, and was first elected Lord Mayor on January 14, 1911, an office he has held, with a short interval, until the present time. He has identified himself with National politics, is a supporter of the Irish Party, and seconded the resolution adopting the Home Rule Bill at the National Convention held in Dublin.

Sir Patrick Shortall, who has received the honor of knighthood, is a gentleman of very high standing in the commercial life of Dublin. He is one of the most important of the city building contractors, and has carried out some very extensive works. He has been for several years a most useful and active member of the Corporation, and is greatly esteemed by all sections of the Municipal Council. He was appointed High Sheriff in January last, and his conduct of the Parliamentary elections which have been held during his term of office has been characterised by the greatest impartiality.

The Right Hon. Ignatius O'Brien, upon whom a Baronetcy has been conferred, has been Lord Chancellor of Ireland since 1913. He is a native of Cork, where he was born in 1857. He was educated at the Catholic University, and began life as a journalist, serving on the Cork and Dublin Press. He was admitted to the Bar in 1881, and soon established an extensive and lucrative practice. He was called to the Inner Bar in 1899, became a Bencher of King's Inns in 1907, Second Serjeant-at-Law in 1910, and Solicitor-General for Ireland in 1911. After a year he succeeded to the Attorney-Generalship and was created a Privy Councillor of Ireland. In 1913, on the death of Lord Chancellor Redmond Barry, he was appointed Lord Chancellor of Ireland. He has taken an active part in recruiting work during the past year.

Alderman McCabe, one of the new knights, was Lord Mayor of Manchester during the eventful years 1914 and 1915. He has lived in Manchester practically all his life, though he was born at Stockport. In November, 1889, he entered the City Council as a representative of St. Michael's Ward. In April, 1902, he became an alderman. While giving useful service in various departments, Sir Daniel McCabe's most notable work (before he became Lord Mayor) was seen in the administration of the markets department. But it was as Lord Mayor during the past two years—years of unexampled strain—that his qualities were most signally displayed. His mixture of wit and wisdom, humor and common sense, and his zeal in the public service, have won for him the amplest marks of esteem from all sections of the community. Only the other day he was presented with a cheque for a thousand guineas in recognition of his service. He was the first member of the Catholic Church to be appointed Mayor, or Lord Mayor of Manchester. Sir Daniel McCabe is a magistrate for the city, a Poor-Law Guardian, a Deputy Lieutenant for the county, and a Knight of the Papal Order of St. Sylvester.

'God speaks through books, where no human voice penetrates.'—Cardinal Vaughan.