

a gentleman who was respected and revered in this city—I allude to the late Mr. Wilson, who was a Presbyterian clergyman in Limerick, and who was much respected and esteemed and looked up to by all classes and every community in the city; and if he was alive he would be the first to stand up and repudiate any charge of intemperance in connection with the city of Limerick. I have now to express the hope that during my term no action of mine will in any way sully the office of High Sheriff of the city, or mar the good feeling that has existed between me and my fellow-citizens, and that when I hand over the chain of office to my successor it will be as untarnished as when I received it, the dignity of the office will not be in any way impaired, and I at least hope to have merited the approval of you, as the Corporation, and of the citizens of Limerick generally. I thank you all most heartily and sincerely for the very kind and distinguished honor you have conferred upon me again on the present occasion.

LOUTH—Death of a Papal Zouave

The death took place on February 23 of Mr. Henry Kerr, Bar View, Carlingford. Deceased, who was the last surviving son of the late Henry Kerr, merchant, Bridge street, Dublin, and Cabra, and who joined the Papal Zouaves in 1869, died of heart failure after an illness of half an hour, fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church.

MAYO—Intermediate Schools

His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam on February 24 visited the Technical and Intermediate Schools which have been erected in Castlebar by Very Rev. Canon Lyons. In reply to an address of welcome from the pupils, Dr. Healy dwelt on the advantages to be derived from a secondary education, and referred to the scholarships given annually by the Agricultural Department in the College of Science, which he strongly advised the students to prepare for. He believed they had ample talent, and in that new school they had ample opportunity of preparing themselves to take by competition some of these scholarships. They were founded for the benefit of the people, and were intended for the purpose of keeping the people at home working on the land, an object which should be desired by every Irishman.

MONAGHAN—Death of a Well-known Politician

The death of Mr. James Daly, J.P., ex-M.P. for South Monaghan, which took place at his residence, Esmore Hall, Carrickmacross, on February 26, was deeply regretted throughout his native county, and more especially in the southern district. Mr. Daly was largely associated with commercial life in Ulster, and until recent years carried on an extensive business establishment in Carrickmacross, now conducted by his brother, Mr. Michael Daly. The late Mr. Daly took an active part in Nationalist affairs, and represented his native constituency in Parliament from 1894 to 1902. Mr. Daly was long connected with poor-law administration in Carrickmacross Union, and since the Local Government Act came into force he enjoyed the fullest confidence as a public representative. As a magistrate he was seldom absent from the Carrickmacross petty sessions, in which court his integrity and the impartiality of his decisions were much admired. During his later years Mr. Daly devoted much time to farming, which he carried on extensively and with success, characteristic of his very useful and exemplary career.

GENERAL

Curiosities of Irish Coinage

Among the curiosities of the coinage (says the London correspondent of the *Irish Independent*) are the voce populi halfpence struck by Roche in Dublin in 1760, thirteen of which appeared at a coin sale at Southby's on February 15. They are said to have been struck to supply a want occasioned by the delay in the receipt of the coinage from England, which was not issued until 1776. The halfpence were sold for £13 10s. Half a dozen Kilkenny halfpennies struck in 1642 went for £29 3s, the highest single price being £6 for a fine example with a broad and short seven-stringed harp on the reverse. Nine Ormonde siege pieces realised £2 10s; a Kilkenny St. Patrick's farthing £1 18s; and a Kilkenny siege farthing sold with a Cork farthing and two others for £5 5s.

The Parliamentary Fund

That the Irish Parliamentary Party enjoys the confidence of the country (writes a Dublin correspondent) is clearly shown not only by such expressions of opinion as the resolutions of public bodies, but also by the response to the appeal of the National Trustees for financial support. Representative meetings have been held in many centres at which substantial subscriptions have been handed in, and promises of further support if necessary made. It will be found when a complete list of the subscribers up to date is published that Irish Nationalists have risen to the occasion.

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People We Hear About

Count Plunkett, of Dublin, has been honored with the title of Knight Commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. The Pope is the head of the Order, which is administered by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem.

February 27 was the seventieth birthday of General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, who since his serious illness has been recuperating at Brighton, where he was visited recently by the King, who took tea with him. The gallant officer entered the army as ensign in 1858, and since 1902 has been colonel of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Sir Charles Santley, the famous baritone singer, attained his seventy-sixth birthday on February 28. As long ago as 1857 Sir Charles made his first appearance in London, and two years afterwards he achieved a notable success in the opera, 'Dinorah.' He was created a knight in 1907. At his residence at Carlton Hill, Maida Vale, he received a number of congratulatory messages. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is in excellent health.

Mr. Pete Curran, the Labor M.P. for Jarrow, whose defeat at the recent election was so closely followed by his death after a surgical operation, was born of Irish parents at Glasgow. He began work at the age of ten, attending to a steam hammer. At twenty he became associated with Labor movements in Scotland. In 1889 he obtained employment at the Arsenal of Woolwich, and about that time became associated with the Gas Workers' and General Laborers' Union. In connection with trade unionism he held many offices in his time, and was a regular attendant at the Trade Union Congress, where his opinions always carried weight. He was a staunch Home Ruler. He was buried with all the rites of the Church.

Sir John Dickson-Poynder, who succeeds Lord Plunkett as Governor of New Zealand, is the sixth baronet, the baronetcy having been created in 1802. He was born in 1866, and was educated at Harrow and Oxford. He succeeded his uncle in the baronetcy in 1884, and married, in 1896, Anne, daughter of R. H. D. Dundas and Catherine Anne, sister of the second Baron Napier of Magdala. Sir John Dickson-Poynder was elected M.P. (Conservative) for the Chippenham Division of Wilts in 1892, and went over to the Liberals in the 1900-1905 Parliament. He was for six years a member of the London County Council. Sir John Dickson-Poynder served as a lieutenant in the Royal Scots' Regiment, and as a major in the Yeomanry. He served in the South African war, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Canada's 'Grand Old Man,' has placed his palatial Montreal residence at the disposal of his Grace the Archbishop, in view of the coming Eucharistic Congress. Lord Strathcona never does things by halves. Catholics, the world over, will hear of his deed and generosity, and more well-deserved fame will be added to the lustre of the undying renown he has won for himself throughout the full extent of the Empire. Nor did he refuse to swell the Congress fund by one of these full-hearted, purse-swelling gifts for which he has become famous along all lines of charity, endeavour, and philanthropy (says the *True Witness*). True, Lord Strathcona has grown to know, love, and admire our Archbishop, and to cheerfully recognise the grandeur of the Church and the earnestness of her ministers and children. With all other Catholics, then, we offer him the humble tribute of our thanks and esteem and heartfelt admiration.

The Earl of Crewe, who leads the Liberals in the House of Lords, is 52 years old, is the son of the late Baron Houghton, the famous 'Dicky' Milnes, the writer and politician, and succeeded his father in the baronetcy in 1885. He was created first Earl of Crewe in 1895, and was assistant private secretary to the Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Earl Granville) in 1883-4; he was Lord-in-Waiting to the late Queen in 1886, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1892 to 1895, and has been Lord President of the Council since 1905. He has literary ability, and had published in book form a collection of verse, and articles on Ireland. He has a library of 32,000 volumes, and owns about 25,000 acres of mineral lands in Yorkshire and Staffordshire. He was married twice—first in 1880 to a daughter of Sir Frederick Graham (she died in 1887); then in 1899 to Lady Margaret Primrose, who is many years his junior, a sister of Lord Rosebery. There is no heir to the earldom.

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