

Dowling, of Gunsborough, two brothers, who had been sentenced at the Cork Assizes two years ago to ten years' penal servitude for a shooting incident. Mrs. Foran also wished to include his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant and Lady Aberdeen, who, she said, was one of the world's greatest women, and who had, by her charming personality and natural goodness, captivated and won over the hearts of the Irish people. Other members spoke in a similar strain, and the vote was passed with acclamation.

#### KILKENNY—A Representative Peer

By the death of Lord Bellew in his 57th year a vacancy has been created in the representative peerage of Ireland, to which he was elected in 1904. He was one of the two Catholic members of the 28 Irish representative peers, the other being the Earl of Westmeath. The fact that both were Conservatives accounted for their election, a peer of Liberal opinions having no chance in recent years of being chosen. Lord Bellew is succeeded in the Irish title, which was created in 1848, by his brother, Major George Bryan, who served with the 10th Hussars through the Afghan and Nile campaigns and with the Yeomanry in the South African war. Born in 1857, he changed his name from Bellew to Bryan in 1881, when he succeeded to the estate of his uncle, Colonel George Bryan, M.P., at Jenkinstown, County Kilkenny. This was one of the estates saved to old Catholic families in Ireland (says a writer in the *Daily News*) through the friendly connivance of Protestant neighbors in the penal days.

#### LIMERICK—The Bishop's Jubilee

Reference was made to the silver jubilee of the Bishop of Limerick at the meeting of the Limerick District Asylum Board. Lord Emly paid a remarkable tribute to his Lordship, and proposed that the following message be sent to the Bishop. The proposition was adopted unanimously:—'That we, the committee of management of the Limerick Lunatic Asylum, desire at this our first meeting since the triennial elections to respectfully and lovingly congratulate your Lordship on the occasion of your silver jubilee. We pray that God may long spare you to us, your diocese, to your country, and to the Church. We solicit your prayers and ask your blessing on us and on our families.'

#### MAYO—Death of a Canon

The Very Rev. James Canon Stephens, P.P., V.F., of Ballinrobe, Mayo, died in a private hospital in Dublin about the middle of July, the sad news being received with great regret both in the capital and by the Canon's own people. The late Canon Stephens was appointed pastor of Ballinrobe in 1905, and the manner in which he discharged the duties of his sacred ministry won for him the affectionate regard of all who knew him. He was a strong supporter of the Irish Party, and a few months ago was present at a Nationalist meeting in Ballinrobe. The remains of the deceased clergyman were conveyed to Ballinrobe, where they were interred amid scenes of the keenest regret on the part of the people of the town and indeed of the whole County of Mayo.

#### WATERFORD—The Augustinian Order

In the Augustinian College, Dungarvan, recently, the Most Rev. Thomas Rodriguez, General of the Augustinian Order, was presented with an address on behalf of the Urban Council and townspeople. The reply, which expressed sympathy and love for the Irish people, was translated into English from Italian by Very Rev. Dr. Maurice McGrath, O.S.A.

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## People We Hear About

Rev. Mother Janet Erskine Stuart, who was recently elected Superior General of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, is a daughter of the Rev. and Hon. Andrew Stuart, and grand-daughter of the second Earl of Castlestuart (male representative of the Royal Stuarts).

General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny believes more in the efficacy of actual experience and training than in all the military text-books ever written. Once it was hinted to Sir Thomas that his methods were not approved by the text-books, 'By all the laws of the text-books,' replied the bluff and hearty soldier, 'Moore should never have escaped from Corunna, and Wellington should have been crushed at Waterloo; Robert's march to Kandahar should have been impossible, and De Wet should have been finally defeated and captured in a month. Text-books are good in their way, but the man who is going to be led by them will never win campaigns.'

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is an early riser, practically a teetotaller, and is happier lurching on a bun and a glass of milk than on the most elaborate dainties. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's observation is so acute as to be almost uncanny. He never forgets a face or a voice. To the great delight of a page-boy, Sir Wilfrid recognised him as having been in a certain hotel when he last visited London. He speaks French like a cultured Parisian. Indeed, it was the first language he learned, not having tackled his native tongue till he was nearly twenty years old.

His Excellency, the O'Neill, who delivered an address at the Irish section of the Madrid Eucharistic Congress, is a lineal descendant of the O'Neills, Princes of Ulster (says the *Freeman's Journal*). His family settled in Portugal, in 1739, and attached themselves to the Portuguese Court. The present representative is Don Jorge O'Neill, who was born on February 15, 1848, and who married Maria Isabel Fernandes on July 14, 1872. His son, Hugh (called in honor of the dauntless Red Hugh O'Neill), born in 1874, is in the Portuguese Navy, and is attached to the suite of the exiled King Manuel. 'The O'Neill,' as he wishes to be styled, was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Gregory the Great by Pope Leo XIII., and is also a Knight of Malta, and Comte de Tyrone.

An interesting story of King Alfonso comes from the village of Aravaca, near which the King's automobile recently met with a slight accident. The King got out while the chauffeur was making the repairs. Standing close by the royal party was a poorly-dressed woman who was nevertheless of distinguished appearance, and with her were two small children. The King, being anxious to maintain his incognito, began talking with the little group, saying that he thought he had met the woman before. 'Certainly, Sire,' she answered. 'Your Majesty knew me when as a child you came here with your august mother.' Pointing to a fine house in the neighborhood, the woman said that at the time to which she referred it was her property, but since then ill-fortune had overtaken her and the family were ruined. She was now gaining a livelihood by mending linen, which her little daughter carried to and from the capital every day. She concluded by declaring: 'My greatest sorrow is as to the education of my son.' The King was apparently touched by her story, for at this point he hastily said: 'Never mind; from to-day I will take care of your son's education.' Then he drove rapidly away.

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