

great age of 96 years. She was perhaps the oldest nun of the Order, having been professed 71 years ago. She was a cousin of the late Cardinal Moran. The interment took place on October 12, Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, assisting at the obsequies.

#### QUEEN'S COUNTY—An Interesting Figure

Many people in Ireland will hear with regret of the death (which occurred on October 5, suddenly, at Chalfont, St. Peter's, Bucks, at the age of seventy) of William Archibald MacDonald, for a number of years M.P. for the Ossory Division of Queen's County, and a member of the Irish Parliamentary Party. He was returned unopposed for the constituency in 1886, and remained its member till the General Election of 1892, when he did not again go forward. At the time of the split he was one of those who took the side of Mr. Parnell; and he remained loyal to him and to his memory until he finally, some years later, dropped entirely out of public life. Mr. MacDonald had once been a Methodist clergyman. He was blind, and was always led about—both in the House of Commons and elsewhere—either by his wife or little son.

#### TIPPERARY—Irish Milk in London

At a meeting of the South Tipperary Farmers' Association in Clonmel, the chairman, referring to the question of transit of milk from the South of Ireland to London, said he had a communication from the Great Western Company of England stating that they had reduced the freight from 3d to 2½d per gallon. The members expressed their willingness to co-operate in sending milk to England.

#### WICKLOW—'Intolerance'

A Nationalist demonstration of large proportions was held at Arklow on October 8. The Rev. John Manning, C.C., one of the most popular priests in the archdiocese of Dublin, presided, in the absence owing to illness of Very Rev. James Duuphy, P.P. Speeches were delivered by the chairman, Mr. John Muldoon, M.P., Mr. Redmond, M.P., and Captain Donelan, M.P. Dealing with the bogey of Catholic intolerance, Captain Donelan said it was such an 'old bogey' that even if it were dressed in new clothes it would hardly scare the most timid of old ladies. He really thought that he himself might be exhibited as a remarkable specimen of a case of Catholic intolerance, because for over nineteen years he had suffered the cruel persecution of being returned unopposed to represent one of the most Catholic constituencies in Ireland. Not content with that gross insult, his Catholic neighbors carried their malignancy even further still, for when East Cork was contested at the last General Election, they actually had the barbarity to place him at the head of the poll by a majority of nearly two to one over his Catholic opponent. Speaking as a Protestant, he said there were no people in the world more free from religious bigotry than the Irish Catholics.

#### GENERAL

##### The Rev Thomas Gavan Duffy

Thomas Gavan Duffy, youngest son of the late Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, K.C.M.G., was raised to the priesthood at the College of the Missions Etrangères, Rue du Bac, Paris, on September 23. He will shortly leave Marseilles for his future field of work at Pondicherry, India, where there is an old-established mission of the French Missionary Fathers. At present the Rev. Thomas Gavan Duffy is making a farewell tour in England and Ireland.

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## WEDDING BELLS

### MURPHY—O'DONOGHUE.

A Nuptial Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Blenheim, on the 22nd inst., the Very Rev. Dean Hills, V.G., S.M., being the celebrant, when Mr. Cornelius J. Murphy and Miss Norah O'Donoghue were joined in the bonds of Holy Matrimony. The three acolytes serving Mass were cousins of the bride. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. J. O'Donoghue, and the bridegroom was assisted by Mr. P. O'Dwyer as best man. The bridesmaid was Miss Mary O'Donoghue, and Miss Freda Heinemann, niece of the bride, was a *petite* flower girl, and, with Master C. Heinemann as page, accompanied the bride. Mrs. Nash sang Boredese's 'O'Salutaris' as an offertory, and Miss McCabe played two wedding marches as the wedding party entered and left the church ('Marche Nuptiale' and 'Inauguration').

The bride was charmingly dressed in ivory satin charmeuse, trimmed with silk insertion and lace, and the traditional veil and orange blossoms and shower bouquet. The bridesmaid's dress was champagne ninon over chiffon-taffeta, champagne hat relieved with emerald, and bouquet. The bride's mother wore a navy tailor costume, black and white hat with feathers, and carried a heliotrope bouquet. Freda Heinemann (flower girl) wore white book muslin, pink shoes and stockings, Juliet cap, and carried a basket of roses. Master C. Heinemann (page boy), cream velvet Claude suit, Napoleon hat, blue shoes and stockings. Mrs. Heinemann, sister of the bride, wore cream and wedgewood coat and skirt, wedgewood hat with black feathers. Miss Katie O'Donoghue wore pale grey chiffon-taffeta, large grey hat with cream roses.

The wedding presents were numerous and costly, and included a fine statue of the Sacred Heart, presented by Very Rev. Dean Hills, and several substantial cheques. The wedding breakfast was held in a large marquee at the residence of the bride's parents, where a large number of wedding guests were received. Dean Hills proposed the toast of 'the Bride and Bridegroom,' in a happy and humorous style, the bridegroom responding most feelingly. The happy couple left for an extended honeymoon trip in the Auckland district by the afternoon train. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold bangle set with rubies and diamonds, and to the bridesmaid a handsome gold wristlet watch; to the little flower girl, a gold brooch set with pearls, and a 'suitable' present to the youthful page. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a gold curb watch chain with inscribed pendant.

#### Blenheim

November 20.

After the principal Mass yesterday at St. Mary's Church, the members of the choir assembled at the Presbytery to make a presentation to Miss Walsh on the occasion of her approaching marriage. The presentation, which consisted of a handsome salad bowl (suitably inscribed) was made by the Very Rev. Dean Hills in a pithy and humorous speech, in which he eulogised Miss Walsh for the valuable services rendered during her long choir membership, and expressed great pleasure in making the presentation. Response was briefly made on behalf of the recipient by Mr. F. Hale, choirmaster.

At an early hour the other morning, Mrs. James McConway, of Seddon, passed away at the Wairau Hospital, after an illness extending over some months. The deceased lady, whose age was 49 years, was a daughter of Mr. Martin Casey, of Tua Marina, and was, with her husband, one of the original settlers of the Starborough Estate. She was much esteemed for her sterling qualities, and many friends will extend sympathy to the bereaved husband and children. The funeral took place on November 23, a numerous cortège following from the church. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., conducted the services at the church and at the graveside.—R.I.P.