

PRESBYTERIANS AND THE VICEROY.

At an installation dinner in connection with St. James's Presbyterian Church, Ballymoney, Rev. J. B. Armour, B.A., speaking in reply to the toast of 'The Lord Lieutenant and prosperity to Ireland,' said he believed the Earl of Aberdeen was one of the kindest of men and a most loyal Presbyterian. Under his regime, as Dr. McIlveen had said, Presbyterians had got more fair play in regard to the government of the country than ever before. He certainly said that Presbyterians had got more places in the Government of Ireland during his reign than ever they had during the previous 150 years. At present a good many people thought he should be driven out of the country, and he was sorry to say that even a few Presbyterians wanted back the 'old gang,' but he sincerely trusted that God Almighty would not answer their prayers in that respect. He was a good deal older than most of them, and he remembered the time when a man could not call his soul his own, when he dare not exercise the vote, and when he dare not say he had a shilling at stake in the land he tilled. After he was ordained there he remembered seeing the bailiff driving the farmers off that part of the country and ordering them to vote for the landlord's nominee. If they had a right now to vote as they pleased and to call their souls their own, whom had they to thank for it? (Voices: 'The Nationalists' and 'Gladstone.') Yes, they had to thank Gladstone. With regard to the future, they might make up their minds that changes were coming, and it did not matter whether it came from the Liberals or the Tories, a change was coming. He wanted to tell them that when the change did come they would not suffer either in regard to their religion or their property. Therefore, they might possess their souls in patience. As they were all interested in the prospects of their country, he trusted they would not take the wrong way of showing it.

IRISH INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.

In moving the adoption of the report at the annual meeting of the Irish Industrial Development Association, Mr. Hugh Wallace, who presided, said that the outstanding feature of the year was the large expenditure the council had gone through with regard to the trade mark in America. About two years ago a person in America applied for a trade mark which was practically a fac-simile of the trade mark of the association, and they had spent something like £400 in order to hinder the person referred to from getting for his own a trade mark which really belonged to the association. They had to thank Mr. Redmond and others for the interest they had taken in the matter, and they had also to acknowledge the kindly way in which President Taft met their advances. During the past year the ramifications of their association had been very great. The possibilities of their work were now greater than ever, and they were going forward with more confidence than before. Col. Sir Nugent Everard was elected president of the association, in the room of the late Captain Cuffe. Sir Nugent, in returning thanks, said that the work of the association had been of the greatest benefit to the country, and, failing protection, he could not see any better way by which they could secure that anything they did produce of the highest quality should not be pirated by other countries. Mr. John P. Boland, M.P., was elected vice-president of the association.

The boy stood on the frozen deck,
And wished that he was dead;
The wind blew round his naked neck,
The rain beat on his head,
He caught a cold—a killing cough,
And said, 'I'm done for sure';
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People We Hear About

A beneficent helper in the matter of bazaars is Madame de Navarro, who as Mary Anderson, won, before her marriage, the hearts of the old, as well as the new, world, but turned her back on fame and the footlights to fill that better, if less brilliant, role of a happy and devoted wife. Yet Madame de Navarro is still the centre of the love and respect of all who know her in private life in her pretty but retired country home near Broadway, from which she occasionally emerges to give active aid to Catholic charities by her graceful presence and unfailing sympathy. Before her marriage she used often to be seen at the Carmelite Church, Kensington—a church that has counted many illustrious men and women of the time among its congregations.

Mr. Abraham Shackleton, who passed away in Dublin on May 29 at the age of eighty years, was an uncle of the famous explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton. From his early life Mr. Shackleton was an avowed Nationalist, and never feared to give expression to his opinions. He was a cousin of the late Mr. Alfred Webb, who figured so prominently in the Irish Nationalist movement in the past, and was also a member of the Quaker community. He was also connected with the Jacob family. Those who remember the early days of the fight for Home Rule will remember the impression caused by the action of Mr. Shackleton, who, with Mr. Alfred Webb, Dr. Henry Maunsel, Dr. Galbraith, the Rev. Dr. Haughton, Mr. Knox then owner of the *Irish Times*; and other prominent non-Catholics, threw in their lot with Nationalist Ireland, and came forward prominently to express their belief in the right of the people of Ireland to govern themselves, and their confidence in the benefits that would spring from Home Rule.

There are ten former Chief Secretaries for Ireland living, besides Mr. Birrell. The senior in respect of the date of his appointment is Viscount St. Aldwyn, who took up the office over 38 years ago. He and Lord Morley are the only two who held the post in two administrations. Another ex-Chief Secretary in the House of Lords is Lord Allerton, then well known as Mr. W. L. Jackson, and now famous as father of a great cricketer and chairman of a great railway company. Three of the ten are still in the House of Commons, and taking their share in the present fight—Mr. Balfour, Mr. Wyndham, and Mr. Walter Long. Another trio are in retirement—Sir George Trevelyan, Sir William Hart Dykes, and Mr. Gerald Balfour. Mr. Gerald Balfour held the office longest. He was Chief Secretary for five years and five months. But Mr. Birrell has beaten his record, for he was appointed in January, 1907, in succession to Mr. Bryce, the last of the ten.

Mr. T. D. Sullivan, the veteran Nationalist and doyen of Irish poets and writers, who has just celebrated his 85th birthday, has earned a proud and permanent place among the names of Ireland's most distinguished sons. The rousing strains and the noble and inspiring lines of 'God save Ireland' are proudly sung in every land beneath the sun in which an Irishman has found an exile's home. Mr. Sullivan is still hale and hearty, and takes a keen interest in the progress of the Nationalist movement. He entered Parliament for North Westmeath in 1880, and was prosecuted with Mr. Parnell in 1881. He succeeded his brother, Mr. A. M. Sullivan, in the editorship of *The Nation*, and becoming M.P. for Dublin City in 1885, was Lord Mayor of Dublin in the two following years. He was imprisoned under the Crimes Act in 1888, and represented West Donegal from 1892 to 1900. Besides the Irish National Anthem, he is the author of several delightful works in prose and verse, one volume of the latter, *Prison Poems*, being composed in Tullamore Jail. The grand old man, as his intimates and admirers affectionately call him, is a man of most charming personality, and is undoubtedly the most venerable figure now left in Irish life. He is father-in-law of Mr. T. M. Healy, M.P.

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