

Irish News

GENERAL.

At Wexford Board of Guardians on September 7—Lady Maurice Fitzgerald presiding—Alderman Ben Hughes, the oldest journalist in Ireland, was co-opted a member in room of Mr. Wm. Kelioe, deceased.

The new parish church of Timoleague, County Cork, was dedicated by the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly in the presence of a numerous and representative congregation of the parishioners of Timoleague, Barryroe, Kilbrittain, and the other parishes in the Carberries.

Mr. Gerald Dease, Turbotstown, writing in the *Irish Times*, asks Irish Orangemen can they not see that their English confederates 'are simply laughing at their crazy bigotry, and egging them on as useful pawns in the game of dishing the Radicals, and that they would sell them, and pass a Home Rule Bill of their own to-morrow, if they were in power, and expected any party benefit from so doing?'

Mr John Linehan, K.C., who was recently appointed County Court Judge of Tyrone, in succession to Judge Todd, transferred to Derry, adds another to the occupants of the Bench in Ireland who have been members of the *Freeman's Journal* staff. Mr Linehan, who is a native of Cork, began his career on the *Cork Examiner*, served afterwards on the *Freeman's Journal*, and left journalism for the Bar in 1891.

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Prendergast, Archbishop of Philadelphia, following a lengthy sojourn in his native land, left Queenstown for New York on September 7. His Grace was given a hearty 'bon voyage' by many friends who witnessed his departure, and among the assembly was his brother, the Rev. Father Prendergast, Dungarvan, County Waterford. His Grace's secretary, the Rev. Father Walsh, who had been very ill during the visit to Ireland, returned with Dr. Prendergast, greatly improved in health.

A REMARKABLE MANIFESTO.

Sir A. Conan Doyle (the well-known novelist), Rev. Joseph Hocking (a bitter anti-Catholic writer), Lord Pirrie (head of Harland and Wolff, the great Belfast shipbuilding firm), Sir Joseph West Ridgeway (ex-Governor of Ceylon, and formerly connected with Dublin Castle), and Sir Frederick Pollock (the first living authority on constitutional law) have issued a manifesto stating that they did not support Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill, but they are convinced that some form of Home Rule is necessary to remove the standing danger to the Empire. The present Bill, they say, is an honest endeavour to solve the problem, and should be passed.

DOMINICAN HALL OF RESIDENCE.

A leading centre of education in Dublin is the Dominican Hall of Residence, St. Stephen's Green, conducted by the Dominican Nuns. This institution is recognised by the governing body of University College for women students of the college, and by several scholarships committees of County Councils. During the current academic year, 13 first-class honors, 11 second-class honors, and 7 exhibitions and prizes have been won by the students in residence, at the Arts Examinations, of which the results have already been announced by the National University—or University College. The totals are almost half of the honors awarded to all women students.

RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR EDUCATION.

The Sisters of Mercy, Clara, Leix, have just celebrated their golden jubilee. On behalf of the people of Clara and Horseleap, a deputation, introduced by County Councillor White, presented an address and testimonial, which were acknowledged on behalf of the nuns by Very Rev. M. Bracken, P.P., V.F. He joined in the tribute to the Sisters, and alluded to the instruc-

tion given in the schools. He hoped that a system of godless education would never be imposed on Ireland. Statesmen who tried it would certainly fail, as they in Ireland had laymen, like the members of the deputation, determined to insist at all costs that religious and secular education should go hand in hand.

GRANTS FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION.

The draft scheme regarding new grants for secondary education in Ireland was issued in Dublin on September 9. The sum of forty thousand pounds is to be distributed by way of grants to schools which comply with certain specified conditions, the principal of which is the employment of one lay assistant teacher for every forty scholars on the roll. The Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M., president of the University School, Lower Leeson street, Dublin, has given to the *Freeman's Journal* a statement in which he says: Mr. Birrell's scheme draws, for the first time, a line of discrimination between religious teachers and lay teachers. Such a line of demarcation has not been drawn before.

DEDICATION OF A NEW CHURCH IN BELFAST.

The new Church of the Holy Family, Newington, Belfast, was solemnly dedicated on Sunday, September 8, by his Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Tohill, Bishop of Down and Connor, and this important event in the North of Ireland marks the addition of yet another splendid temple for Catholic worship in the province of Ulster. The new church supersedes the wooden structure that has been in existence since 1895, and has accommodation for 1400. His Lordship Bishop Tohill returned thanks on behalf of the parishioners and of the Administrator to all who had contributed to make their imposing new church a concrete reality. The total cost of the structure was £5500, and of this sum only £1800 remained to be cleared off. The collection at the High Mass had realised £1563 19s 6d, so that after the evening devotions, said his Lordship, the church would be absolutely free from debt. The value of the gifts to the new church was estimated at £2000.

THE ATTACK ON LORD ABERDEEN.

The attack made by the *Irish Times* on Lord Aberdeen, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and his wife has done the Irish 'loyalists' a lot of harm in Great Britain, and especially in Scotland, the home of the Aberdeens. It was an open secret that Dublin Castle was boycotted by the Irish Unionists because the representative of the King there was a Home Ruler. But the *Irish Times'* attack has advertised the fact, and it is not at all gratifying to Unionist 'society' in England, which affects to be very tender in the matter of any slight put upon the Sovereign or his representative. The Unionist press in England gives no support to the *Irish Times'* attack. It realises the incongruity and the tactlessness of a party professedly 'loyal' exulting in the boycott of the representative of the Crown in Ireland, and, so far as Lady Aberdeen is concerned, the purity of her motives and the value of her work have never been questioned outside the *Irish Times'* office. Home Rulers in Great Britain regard the attack on the Irish Viceroy as another timely exposure of the contemptible fraud and hypocrisy of the thing called 'loyalty' by the Irish Unionists.

A TORY MISSTATEMENT.

Major Hope, in the course of a speech at Glencorse, was reported to have said that he believed that Lord MacDonnell was at this moment opposed to this Home Rule Bill for Ireland. The Home Rule Council immediately got into communication with Lord MacDonnell on the matter. His Lordship replied as follows to Mr G. Wallace Carter, general secretary of the council:— 'I have to thank you for your letter of the 29th inst., informing me that Major Hope asserts that I am opposed to the Home Rule Bill. My opinion on the Bill is expressed in a series of articles contributed under my name to the *Daily Chronicle* shortly after the first