

IRISH-AUSTRALIAN'S CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

In the Chancery Division, Dublin, before Mr. Justice Ross, an originating notice was heard recently in the matter of the will of the late Mr. Daniel Thomas Mulligan, formerly of Queensland and latterly of Monkstown, Co. Dublin, who died worth £25,000. The trustees, Ven. Archdeacon Gorman, P.P., Drumcondra, and Mr. John Scallan, asked for the opinion of the Court in a number of questions that had arisen in the course of the administration of the estate. The income of the property, after payment of certain pecuniary legacies, went to the testator's cousins for their lives, and, after their deaths, it was to be divisible amongst charities, including the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Jervis Street Hospital, Cork Street Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital, Kingstown; Royal Hospital for Incurables, Mercer's Hospital, and St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, Glasnevin. A bequest was also made to the Archbishop of Dublin for the benefit of charitable institutions for the deaf, dumb, and blind persons belonging to Catholics in the diocese of Dublin, and a similar bequest was made to the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin for the benefit of Protestant institutions of a similar kind. There was also a bequest of £7000 to the Corporation of Dublin for the erection of baths and wash-houses and for the benefit of technical schools. All the relatives who had benefited were now dead, and the matter came before the Court in order to facilitate the distribution of the assets among the charities. The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh had, it was stated, declined to accept the trust conferred on him by the will. His Lordship said he would make a decree for the administration of the personal estate in so far as it was disposed of by the testator's will for the benefit of the charities.

WEXFORD RECORD.

A relative of the Rev. Mother Rossiter, who perished in the flames at the San Antonio Orphanage, writes to the *Freeman*:—'If an instance were wanted of heroic self-sacrifice; of the spiritual devotion, and, I might add, almost absolute martyrdom, of our Irish nuns, surely it is typified in the part which the Wexford, Kildare, and Dublin nuns played in the recent fire at the Orphanage of St. John's at San Antonio, Texas. A few years ago, Sister Mary Rossiter and some six other Wexford ladies, and a contingent of some seven others from Kilkenny, Kildare, and Dublin went out as novices to the State at the call of the Bishop of the diocese—himself an Irishman. They were soon after their profession placed in charge of the large orphanage and convent of St. John's, Antonio, where for some years past they ministered to the wants of some hundred little orphans and deserted children, doing God's good work in that silent, humble way, without any display or show, which is the rule of life of so many of our Irish religious women. They left their home and friends to spend their lives in a hard, toilsome task, without any hope of an earthly reward, and, as proved in the case of six of those devoted ladies, to lay down their very lives for the little ones in their charge. No greater example of heroic devotion to duty has ever been recorded, and the friends of the Rev. Mother, while lamenting her sad end, can console themselves with the thought that the reward of such heroism and tender love will meet with an equal reward in the world to which she has gone. Wexford has always given generously of her sons and daughters to the Church and the religious life. The Australian continent at the present moment has two archbishops and two, if not three, bishops, besides a host of priests, and a little army of nuns, two of them being Rev. Mother-Generals of their Order—all Wexfordians. As for the United States, Canada, and the Southern Continent of America, and the islands in the West Indies, some forty to fifty Wexford priests rule in those countries, while the Irish Franciscans guard the Holy Places in Jerusalem, and in the far-off Philippine Islands the same Order has just been placed in charge of the Catholic population, with an Irish Bishop at their head; and Wexford certainly takes the lead in the number of devoted sons and daughters who generously give their lives to God's good work in His Church.'

People We Hear About

The names most frequently mentioned as the probable three new Justices of the Federal High Court are: Mr. P. McMahon Glynn, M.P., K.C.; Mr. B. R. Wise, K.C.; and Mr. W. M. Hughes, Federal Attorney-General.

The oldest man in the House of Commons is Mr. Samuel Young, the Nationalist member for East Cavan. He will be 91 on next St. Valentine's Day. Mr. Young, to his credit, was not one of the absentees in the snap division of last month. He was one of the 62 members present and voting against the Banbury amendment.

Mr. Leonard Stowe, clerk of the New Zealand Parliament, has been made a Companion of St. Michael and St. George. Mr. Stowe was born in Buckingham, England, and has been resident in New Zealand for many years. As far back as the sixties he was secretary to superintendents of the Marlborough Provincial Council. He was appointed clerk to the Legislative Council in 1865, a position which he still holds, and became clerk of Parliament in 1889.

Mr. W. C. Buchanan, M.P., a wealthy runholder of the Wairarapa, and a strong supporter of the present Government, has been made a Knight Bachelor. Sir W. C. Buchanan, who is in his 75th year, was born in Argyshire, and when 18 years of age came out to Victoria. Later on he was attracted to New Zealand, and engaged in farming in Canterbury. Over forty years ago he purchased his present property in the Wairarapa, and since then has taken a leading part in pastoral affairs.

The growth of the Irish vote and influence in American politics has become very marked. At the recent elections the number of Irish names in the list of elected members to Congress was far larger than on any previous occasions, and all the Irish-Americans are of the Democratic Party. Even Connecticut, the home of New England Puritanism, has now five Irish-Americans for its representatives in Congress. Dr. Woodrow Wilson, the new President, is, of course, a Presbyterian, and the elder of a Presbyterian Church, but his party and its machinery are mainly in the hands of Irish-American Catholics.

With the death of Cardinal Capeceletro, attention is called to the fact that Cardinal Gibbons is now third in point of seniority among the members of the Sacred College. Practically, he may be considered second, Cardinal Neto having retired from active participation in Vatican doings on account of his great age and failing health. Cardinal Oreglia, the present dean of the College, is himself bedridden. Cardinal Gibbons was created Cardinal-priest of the title of Santa Maria in Trastevere on June 7, 1886. Cardinal Capeceletro is the fourth Cardinal to die since the consistory of 1911—one German, one French, one Austrian, and one Italian. There remain now only sixty members of the Sacred College.

Among those whose names figure in the New Year's Honors' list is that of the Right Hon. Sir Edward P. Morris, P.C., Premier of Newfoundland, who has been made a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George. Sir Edward Morris, who is in his 54th year, was educated at the Ottawa Catholic University, and first entered the Newfoundland Parliament about 28 years ago. He was appointed Attorney-General in 1890, and, on the resignation of Sir Edward Bond, was chosen leader of his party, and at the general election of 1909 his Government was returned by a large majority. He was knighted in 1904, and in 1909 he represented Newfoundland at the Imperial Defence Conference in London. Of the three Catholic Premiers who attended that conference Sir Edward Morris is the only one at present in office.

A very useful device has recently been invented by Father J. H. Murphy, of Cork. It is a contrivance which makes it possible to keep carriage windows open at any point by a simple arrangement of a screw and spring. The invention can be applied inexpensively to existing windows, and it is already in use on two local railways. Patents have been secured for many countries.

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