

IN THE HOUR OF VICTORY.

Mr. Redmond has received the following letter from Lady Agatha Russell, the daughter of the famous statesman, Lord John Russell, who afterwards became Earl Russell:—'Dear Mr. Redmond,—Although I have not the pleasure of knowing you personally I cannot help writing a few lines of most hearty congratulation on the splendid triumph of your cause in the House of Commons. The vivid recollections of past days long ago during the early struggles of Home Rule, when my mother and I felt such keen interest and deep sympathy with your country, impels me to write now in the hour of victory. So I hope, though you must be overburdened with correspondence, that you will not feel it an intrusion. Our constant and friendly intercourse with many Nationalist members in the old days at Pembroke Lodge is now long past, and I live entirely in the country, away from the scenes of strife, but my sympathy with the cause is as deep and strong as ever, and I earnestly hope that, though difficulties must arise under any scheme, there is at last now a good prospect of a happy solution and of a gradually deepening and increasing friendliness between our two nations working together, as we must hope they will, towards all that is best on the uphill path of progress. It is most grievous to read of the hostile and bitter spirit in some parts of Ulster, and still worse the incitements to strife from Ulster on this side of the water, from whom a better influence might have been expected. It makes one so dread that it may be met in the future by bitterness on your side, and thus prevent the happy co-operation of all creeds and classes which one longs to see in the Ireland of the future, and which would do at most more than can now be imagined to refute the hostile arguments of anti-Nationalists. With again most cordial congratulations on this grand result of your unwearied labors for Ireland, believe me, yours sincerely.'

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

The value of the estate of the late Mr. Christopher Langan, tea merchant, North King street, Dublin, who died some weeks ago, has been computed at about £203,000. In his will he directed that the following legacies be paid:—Mother Magdalen, Convent of Mercy, Trim, for her school, £1000; Little Sisters of the Assumption, Camden street, £200, for the charitable purposes in Dublin of their institution. £500 to be distributed by his executors amongst the deserving poor of North King street and parish of St. Michan. £1000 each to the parish priest or superior of St. Audoen's; parish priest or superior of St. Mary of the Angels, Church street; parish priest of St. Columba's, Drumcondra; parish priest of St. Agatha's, North William street; parish priest of St. Patrick's, Ringsend; parish priest of St. Gabriel's, Aughrim street; parish priest of St. Michan's, Halston street; parish priest of St. Michael and John's, Lower Exchange street, for repair, rebuilding, improvement, or enlargement of said churches respectively. There are other charitable legacies of £1000, amounting in all to £44,000.

The commission to investigate the marriage and divorce laws in the United States has collected and disclosed some startling figures. During forty years 1,850,000 divorces have been granted affecting five million persons—husbands, wives, and children. In 1912 the number of divorces amounted to 100,000, affecting 70,000 children.

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People We Hear About

Mr. Dudley A. Malone, a son-in-law of U.S. Senator James O'Gorman, of New York, has accepted the post of secretary to President Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Wilson's present secretary, Mr. Joseph Tumulty, is, like Mr. Malone, a Catholic, and Mrs. Wilson has selected as her social secretary Miss Isabella Haguer, a Maryland lady who professes the old Faith.

Along in the course of the present year the Nestor of our hierarchy, Bishop Hogan, of Kansas City, will be 84 on May 10 (says the *Milwaukee Catholic Citizen*). Bishop Foley, of Detroit, will be 80 on November 5. Cardinal Gibbons will be 79 on July 13. Bishop Richter, of Grand Rapids, Mich., will be 75 on April 9. Archbishop Ireland will be 75 on September 11. Bishop Gabriels, of Ogdensburg, will be 75 on October 16. Archbishop Keane (retired) will be 74 on September 12. Bishop Burke, of Albany, was 73 on January 10. Archbishop Spalding will be 73 on June 2. Bishop Grace, of Sacramento, will be 72 on August 2. Archbishop Riordan will be 72 on August 27.

Great satisfaction is expressed in his native Tipperary (says the *Clonmel Nationalist*) at the announcement just made officially that the King has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of Mr. Michael Francis O'Dwyer to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, in succession to Sir Louis Dane, whose term of office expires in May next. Mr. O'Dwyer comes of a prominent and respected Clanwilliam family, and is a brother of Mr. John O'Dwyer, solicitor, Tipperary, and of Dr. O'Dwyer, M.O., Tipperary. His appointment is the culmination of a splendid record in the Indian Civil Service, and the reward of devoted labors in the Government of one of the biggest sections of the Indian Empire. His case affords another remarkable evidence of the ability and capacity of Catholic Irishmen to fill the highest offices of executive trust.

The New York *Sun* calls attention to the number of Irish names in the next House of Representatives. There are five from Connecticut—Loneragan, Mahan, Reilly, Donovan, and Kennedy. The Macs and the O's will also be well represented—McDermott and McAndrews of Chicago, McGillicuddy of Maine; McDonald and McLaughlin of Michigan; the two McGuires, one from Oklahoma, the other from Bryan's town of Lincoln, Neb. There are O'Leary and O'Brien of New York, O'Shaunnessy of Rhode Island, and O'Hara of Illinois. And one mustn't overlook Curry, Hayes, Keating, Madden, Gorman, Gallagher, the two Connollys, Murray, Curley, Kelly, the two Quinns, Scully, Walsh, Egan, Maher, Griffin, Sullivan, Conry, Dooling, Clancy, Driscoll, Buckley, Donohue, Casey, Burke, and the two Dillons. 'Verily,' comments the *Sun*, 'the list reads like the roll of the Irish members of the British Parliament.'

The death of Sir James Coats, first baronet of Auchendrane, leaves Catholicism in Great Britain the richer by a baronet in the person of Mr. Stuart Auchincloss Coats, who succeeds his father. Sir Stuart Coats, who was received into the Church in 1899, has been identified with many Catholic movements during the last dozen years or so. His father was formerly a member of the United Presbyterian Church, as was his father before him, but later he joined the Church of Scotland, although he continued to subscribe liberally to the funds of his old denomination. Sir Stuart was born in 1868. Having been nominated Private Chamberlain to the Holy Father in 1905 he was created by the Sovereign Pontiff Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory four years later. In 1908 Sir Stuart Coats was attached to the Pontifical Mission to the Eucharistic Congress at Westminster. A founder of Westminster Cathedral, he is a member of the Catholic Education Council and of the committee of the Catholic Truth Society. He has two sons and a daughter. The new baronet is a member of the St. James's Club and the Junior Carlton Club.

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