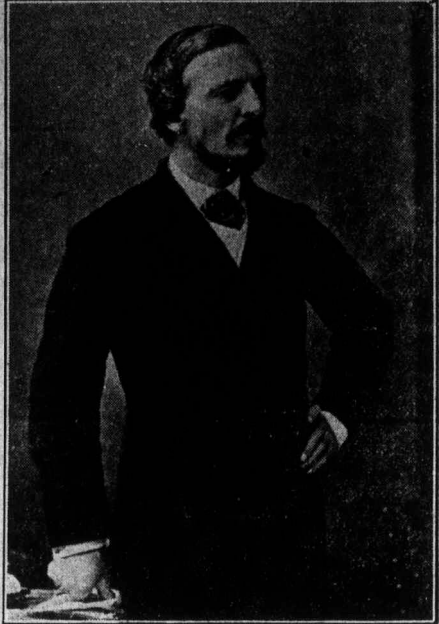


# AN IRISH DIPLOMAT DEAD.



THE LATE MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, the present Mayor of Boston, who was the American Consul-General to London, from 1892 to 1896, declared the Marquis of Dufferin to be "the greatest diplomatist of his time." Whosoever has followed, during the past quarter of a century, the extraordinary career of that great Irishman, whether at Rome, St. Petersburg, Paris, Calcutta or Ottawa, must admit that he was pre-eminently the most resourceful and talented representative that any European Government has had.

The news of his death, which was received in this city on Wednesday last, occasioned profound sorrow in the circle of all classes. Lord Dufferin had been long in ill-health. He passed away peacefully after a night of total unconsciousness at his residence, at Clondeboye, County Down, Ireland. He was the only son of Price, fourth Baron Dufferin, was born at Florence in 1826. His mother was Helen Selina Sheridan, famous for her wit and beauty, a writer of Irish songs, including "The Irish Emigrant" and "Katie's Letter," sister of Lady Stirling Maxwell, the poetess, and granddaughter of Richard Brinsley Sheridan.

There is no doubt that he has been one of the most brilliant and versatile statesmen that Great Britain ever sent forth on diplomatic missions, and his many-sided character displayed scholarly attainments of a wonderful nature. As a public speaker he rose always above the ordinary level, and at times, and even frequently, soared into the atmosphere of sublime oratory. No more powerful, eloquent and truly prophetic oration was ever delivered in Canada, than that of Lord Dufferin, at Winnipeg, in the early years of his Governor-Generalship of this Dominion. His "Letters from High Latitudes" bespoke the genius that more than one member of his gifted family displayed. In later years his public utterances were followed with intense interest, not only by the people whom he represented, but also by the leading Powers of Europe.

The Earl of Dufferin was the founder of the Governor-General's medals which are among the leading instruments for the encouraging of scholarship in this country. He visited many schools and delivered addresses which could not fail to impress on the young mind high ideals a distaste for all that was coarse or vulgar, and a love for such outdoor sport, as tended to build up Canada.

On his return to England Lord Dufferin, became for a brief period Ambassador to Russia, and in 1881 to Turkey. In 1882 he was a special commissioner for Egypt, and in 1884 he received the crowning distinction of his career, the post of Viceroy of India, which had been nearly accorded him instead of Canada in 1872. His term in this position was marked by the most per-

fect diplomacy in dealing with the protected and neighboring rulers. In 1888 he was made Ambassador to Italy, and in 1891 was transferred to Paris. He retired from public life in 1896.

A REMINISCENCE.—His Excellency paid a visit to St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum on the 30th January, 1873. In answer to an address, he replied as follows:—

"Mr. Secretary, Ladies and Gentlemen.—So far from it having been a sacrifice on my part to come here, I can assure you that it has been to me an unmixt gratification. No one can find himself under this roof, in the presence of such a scene as this, without esteeming the invitation which he has had the pleasure of receiving a very great privilege. The allusion which has been made in your address to that devastating famine by which Ireland was depopulated in 1846 and 1847 has recalled to my recollection very bitter and affecting memories. It so happened that it was in that year I first was called upon to undertake the responsibilities attaching to the ownership of land in Ireland, and my first initiation into my duties as an Irish landlord consisted in an endeavor to confront the exigencies of that terrible disaster. Although in my own neighborhood, owing to peculiar circumstances, the distress never reached a point which did not admit of alleviation, circumstances led me to the southern portion of the Kingdom, where famine had seized upon the people, and with my own eyes I was forced to see all its terrible consequences. Since coming to this country I have had occasion to make myself acquainted with a fact, of which I confess until then I was but very imperfectly informed, and that is, the noble way in which the inhabitants of Canada assisted the unfortunate emigrants who, forced to fly under the stroke of famine from their own country, arrived upon the shores of North America not only destitute, but many of them struck down and perishing by disease. I am now aware of how many of the clergy of Canada, both Catholic and Protestant, as well of the members of the medical profession, fell victims to their noble and courageous endeavors to assist those unfortunate persons; and I confess that when I read the record of the mortality which then took place amongst those classes to whom I have referred, I was perfectly horror-struck with the facts that were revealed; and so, as an Irishman, if on no other account, I shall ever bear in my heart the deep sense of the debt which we all owe to this country, and especially to those classes to whom I have referred, for the assistance which they then rendered to us.

The existence of this asylum only shows that in the chastisements with which we are afflicted a merciful Providence very frequently sows the seeds of innumerable benefits; for as has been stated by your secretary, it is owing to the emergency which then arose, and which you endeavored to meet, that this admirable establishment continues to dispense those benefits to the unfortunate orphans of the locality, even although the immediate occasion to which it owes its existence has happily ceased to endure. (Applause.) I

am very glad to think that the establishment is being conducted under such satisfactory auspices, and I am sure it will not be considered inappropriate if, on behalf of those who are interested in all such good and noble works as these, I should venture to tender to those ladies who are present and who, I understand, are good enough to devote their time and their energies to the education and to the interests of these little fatherless children, my best thanks, accompanied by an assurance that, in common with every one who is acquainted with their good deeds, I am deeply sensible of all that society owes to them."

This is not the moment to write either a biography or an appreciation of the life of Lord Dufferin, but when the hour comes, the pen will need to be eloquent that can do full justice to the character and deeds of the great Irishman.

## POPE LEO'S VIGOROUS MIND.

The Roman correspondent of the New York "Sun"—Innocent—in his letter of last week, says:—Dr. Lapponi is much pleased at the sustained elasticity with which Leo XIII. has passed through the New Year's receptions. In the interviews with the ambassadors he has shown his perfect knowledge and wonderful understanding of all matters. The diplomats are unanimous in praising the vividness of his memory, the penetration of his mind and the easiness of his conversation. "He is the eternal youth," said a minister, and in fact youth is not a matter of years, but of mind. Leo XIII. is a phenomenon.

After detailing various features of the interviews with the diplomats, he closes with the following statement:

What the man who knows something of affairs will admire in the Pope's vigor of mind and in these interviews is his perfect equilibrium. For every situation he finds and speaks the right word. No irritation, no impatience. He suppresses in the bottom of his soul whatever might embitter him. Like the halcyon on the crest of the waves the ease that certainty and unshakable hope give. It is a long time since the offensive attack against Rome has had such proportions as at present; but Leo XIII. knows that the outbreak proceeds chiefly from the fear which the sectarian powers nearly everywhere have of the extension that Roman ideas have taken.

Rome's renewed distinction has in part brought on this new attack. For this reason Leo XIII. looks on these storms as a trial and not as an end; he wishes Catholics to be strong by their work and by the place they take in the world. This higher reason, drawn from divine sources, imposes on the Pope his patience, his persistence, his faithfulness to the policies which he has instituted.

Eugene A. Philbin, ex-District Attorney of New York, is now in London after his visit to Rome, where with the Rt. Rev. John M. Farley, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, he had an audience with the Pope. He says that he was astonished amid the rumors of the failing health of the Pope to find such physical and mental vigor for a man of his years. The Pontiff displayed a keen interest in and familiarity with American affairs.

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Sister Marie A. Baril, of the Grey Nuns, Montreal.

Sister Marie C. Talon-l'Esperance, of the Grey Nuns of Montreal, died at St. Boniface.

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