

THE MOTHER LAND.

Latest Mails from Ireland, England and Scotland.

Catholic Liberty to a Protestant in Belfast. In the case of James Stephens, a Protestant in Belfast...

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Thomas Marshall, farmer, Ballymacollig, sued Thomas McEllistrin, farmer, of the same locality, for £100 due on foot of a marriage agreement. The plaintiff, the plaintiff, was examined and said he got his son married in March, '92. The "match" was made by his brother-in-law, John McEllistrin, and the defendant, Thomas McEllistrin, Tom McEllistrin's son, who was from Ballymacollig...

The Irish News says: "Rev. R. R. Kano, D.D. Rector of Christ Church, speaking at the graveside of a man named Hale, who died in a Catholic house in Barrack Street, Belfast and who was buried in the Drough Cemetery, said that he attended the funeral at considerable inconvenience to himself personally, in order that he might say how gratified he felt at the very great attention shown by his Roman Catholic neighbours to this man, who spent the closing days of his life amongst them. They had shown the greatest concern that he should have the administration of his own religion, as they also took a great deal of trouble to secure the services of a clergyman of his own church to perform the funeral ceremonies. Such feeling was very gratifying, indeed, to him, and reflected the greatest credit on the people. He had heard of a very painful case, in which a man was disrespectful to a clergyman of another communion, who was attending on a sick man of his church, and none of them but could feel the utmost reprehension for conduct so uncharitable and altogether condemnable."

On Saturday, the 9th, a long series of meetings by the friends of Mr. T. M. Healy for the capture of The Cork Herald, and the changing of its policy in his interest, were brought to a head by the publication of a leading article taking sides against the Irish Party in strong terms. The article is in part as follows:

THE EXPULSION OF MR. HEALY. We have consistently advocated unity and peace in the Irish Parliamentary Party and the settlement of their differences in private, but we must condemn the ill-considered action of the Executive of the Irish National League of Great Britain in expelling Mr. Healy. Mr. Healy has broken his pledge to sit, act, and vote with the Irish Parliamentary Party. A meeting of the party should be called, but it appears to us that trying Mr. Healy, an Irish member, in England, cannot be too strongly condemned. The presentant of the movement seems to be purely aggressive, and is not warranted by any action of Mr. Healy or his friends, who for nearly three months have not addressed any meeting, or made any public announcement.

To this article was appended the following footnote: [For the statements in the foregoing article the editor is not responsible.]

It is with deep regret we have to announce to-day, says The Freeman of the 15th, the death of Mrs. James Stephens. The sad event took place on Wednesday night at the residence at Botton, which Irish Nationalists provided for Mr. Stephens and his wife as a mark of gratitude for Mr. Stephens' labors in the cause of country. The deceased lady had been ailing only a comparatively short time with acute pneumonia, to which she succumbed, as stated, on Wednesday night. She was attended in her last illness by her devoted husband and her sister, who arrived from Farna only a few days ago. Mrs. Stephens' maiden name was Hopper, and she was a member of a respectable Dublin family, several of whose members suffered in the cause of country. Among her many accomplishments, she included that of a good linguist, and her long residence in the French capital during her husband's exile

gave her exceptional opportunities of displaying her gifts in this respect. Many of our readers will remember the pathetic telegram she despatched from the Belgian frontier after the expulsion of her husband and herself from France under the Government of the late Jules Ferry, viz.: "Expelled, France. On the frontier of Belgium without a franc in our pocket." They will also recollect the prompt action taken by their receipt by the late Mr. F. Dwyer Gray, and the equally prompt response of Irish Nationalists, by means of which provision was made for the declining days of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens. Mr. Stephens arrived in this country in August, 1891, after twenty-five years of exile, since which period he and the partner of his exile have lived in retirement in their cottage at Sutton with the good will of all sections of Irish Nationalists. Their married life lasted for just thirty years, and its commencement was marked by a period of great anxiety and sorrow for the then young man, who his husband was in Richmond Prison and during his subsequent concealment in Dublin, after his escape. In his heavy weight of afflictions to day the old "Cath" will have the warmest sympathy of his fellow-countrymen.

Mr. Stephens' reception into the Catholic Church. Mrs. George Augustus Sala requests the Press Association to thank the many kind friends who have telegraphed and written to her from all England sympathizing with her on the sad condition of her husband's health, and to say that at present she is totally unable to reply to these kind communications individually. Save for a few hours' visit to London on business matters, Mrs. Sala never leaves Mr. Sala's sick room at Brighton. It is well known that Mr. Sala has been extremely delicate health for the last two or three years. He is suffering from a tumor on the liver, and for some months from almost total loss of memory and hallucinations. Respectfully the controversy as to Mr. Sala's religious belief, it may be stated that he comes of a Catholic family, and has always been of the Roman Catholic faith, although until this last summer he had not been received into the Church. He only confided these beliefs to his second wife on their marriage in January, 1890, and on her solemn promise that should be taken suddenly ill she would immediately send for a priest and carry out his expressed wishes. When Mr. Sala was brought home in a fainting fit last summer from the Orleans Club at Brighton his wife immediately telegraphed to a friend, Father Donnelly, of Norton road, Brighton and went herself the following day to Cardinal Vaughan, who kindly lost an hour in traveling down to Brighton to see Mr. Sala, acting on a promise he had given Mr. Sala the previous winter in Rome. Mr. Sala, although slightly stronger within the last few days, is altogether unable to see any friends beyond those already in attendance upon him. Dr. Thist of Brighton, is his medical adviser.

Scotland. New Catholic Chapel for Grangemouth. Late last week His Grace Archbishop Macdonald laid the foundation-stone of a new chapel, which is presently being built in Korso Road, Grangemouth, from the plans of Mr. Page, Falkirk. A large company of clergy and laity attended the ceremonial. The sacred edifice, will cost about £1000, and will be constructed so that it will be available as a school when required. The memorial stones laid, His Grace delivered an address, in which he pointed out the great benefit to be derived from having a place of worship which could also be used for educational purposes, and proceeded to impress on his hearers the great necessity for religious knowledge which should be imparted simultaneously with secular instruction, for the expediency of the age was to overlook the spiritual requirements of the people in the great struggle for advancement in material knowledge.

A Handy Highlander. The Rev. Archibald Campbell, S.J., who quite recently returned from the Highlands is to undertake another tour for a like spiritual purpose shortly, fitted with fine physique and blessed Gaelic fluency of tongue, this zealous Jesuit performs a work in scattered districts as meritorious as it is unique. Highland Catholics hail his presence among them with indescribable pleasure and regard him in the light of an apostle of the Gael.

Beneficial Catholic Charities. Mr. Matthew Grant, a clever newspaper controversialist, has this week initiated a correspondence in the Glasgow Herald on the above subject. Week by week lists are printed intimating subscriptions by employes (Catholic and Protestant) to various charities, and there is an unenviable uniformity about them. They persistently exclude Catholic institutions. Mr. Grant naturally inquires the grounds of exclusion, but we fear he will not get them.

Post Paid—Excellent Results. Increased facilities for gaining money out of barren peat bogs are now being adopted by landowners. Early in 1894 a syndicate, since ex-

panded into a company named "Peat Products, Limited," began working a new patent system without compression or artificial heat at Kellswater, Antrim. Later in the same year a factory on the system was erected for Sir John Stirling Maxwell, on Rannoch Moor, Perthshire, 1,720 feet above the sea level, and in spite of climatic disadvantages, a supply of excellent household fuel was produced in the course of two or three weeks from the barren moor, which is very difficult of access for coal. Later on a similar factory was established for Colonel Malcolm on his great moor in West Argyshire—another exposed place remote from a coal supply. Colonel Malcolm has since added a factory to produce charcoal from the peat, which has proved excellent for welding and other purposes. Great and costly efforts had previously been made to reclaim this barren moor.

In Honor of His Grace. The students of St. Michael's College gave a dramatic entertainment in the large hall of that institution on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. Being in honor of His Grace the Archbishop, it attracted a crowded house, and was marked with ability and enthusiasm on the part of the players and their audience. There were several items on the programme—the centre piece being taken from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice." The orchestra was directed by Prof. Dayle, so well and favorably known in musical circles.

Shortly after eight o'clock His Grace, accompanied by a number of the clergy, entered the hall, and was greeted with applause—the assemblage rising and remaining standing till he took his seat. "A Ours of Welcome," by the College Glee Club, appropriately opened the proceedings; and the manner of its rendering, both as to voice and time, was creditable alike to the leader—Rev. Father Murray—and the Club. Next came an address to the Archbishop. This was delivered by Mr. P. J. Kelly, who clothed his words with much fervor as he extended to His Grace the hospitalities of St. Michael's College and wished him still many years to crown the noble works which already bear witness to the apostolic zeal of his long and laborious Episcopate.

The play followed—and seldom have amateurs acquitted themselves more acceptably, and with such fidelity to the text, as did the students of St. Michael's, on this occasion. The stage settings and costumes were faultless, and the performers were well up in their respective parts. The characters were cast thus:

- Duke of Venice.....J. DOYLE
Antonio.....J. DONOVAN
Bassanio.....J. COSTELLO
Gratiano.....F. GALLAGHER
Salanio.....R. H. MCCONNACK
Lorenzo.....T. CROWLEY
Shylock.....S. H. O'BRYEN
Lancelotto.....F. J. DONOVAN
Gobbo.....J. P. WARD
Portia.....J. A. BRANN
Norrissa.....W. FANSON
Clerks.....J. L. PENDERGAST
Magnificos.....J. O'FAHEE

"Antonio" and "Bassanio" were necessarily leading parts; so indeed were the "Duke," and "Antonio" and "Shylock," who looked the Jew, with all that the term implies. The grudge nursed by the old usurer against Antonio was not unnatural, for he had been subjected to insult and contumely by the haughty spendthrift who borrowed his ducats; yet it was grand beyond expression to insist upon his "pound of flesh," and no one was sorer when "Portia" pointed out that Shylock, in the cunning stipulations of his bond, had, like so many others, simply overreached himself.

In bestowing our meed of praise on this performance, we must congratulate the Faculty on the excellence of the entertainments with which from time to time, they favor the public. The training of the students for these admirable productions entails much cost and labor; still there is no charge for admission—no recompense, save the knowledge that the talent which the Professors are moulding and developing on the histrionic stage is worthy of the high educational standard to which it has been brought in St. Michael's College, whether in science, arts or letters.

THE DUKES. —Mr. J. F. Kellock, Druggist, Perth, writes: "A customer of mine having been cured of deafness by the use of Dr. THOMAS' EUCALYPTI OIL, wrote to Ireland, telling his friends there of the cure. In consequence I received an order to send him a dozen by express to Wexford, Ireland, this week."

"Oh, doctor, I shall never recover!" "On the contrary, you are bound to recover. The statistics show that out of a hundred cases you get well, and as I have already attended ninety-nine which have ended fatally, you must recover. Statistics never go wrong!"

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