

PERSONS AND FACTS.

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The following appeared in the Winnipeg Tribune of last Saturday. It is very significant, for the sending of the cable must have been arranged beforehand at Ottawa, and is therefore an indication of Sir Wilfrid's own intentions.

Montreal, March 4.—A London cable today says: "The Tablet," the leading Catholic organ, discussing the separate school question in the Northwest, says: "Laurier before now has shown that when there is a principle at stake he can display a decision of character with which people, familiar only with his kindly, genial disposition, might not easily credit him."

Referring to Sifton's resignation, "The Tablet" says: "This is not the first troublesome colleague whom Laurier has had to get rid of. Some years ago Tarte, a great friend of Sifton, began to act with an independence which was quite irreconcilable with the constitutional theory which recognizes the collective responsibility of the cabinet. Tarte was warned, and mistook forbearance for weakness. He resigned, and has remained in political obscurity ever since. Sifton undoubtedly holds a strong position in Manitoba, especially in Winnipeg, but he will find a difference when he tries to stand alone and disassociates himself from the most powerful and popular minister who ever presided over the destinies of the Dominion."

The Berlin correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph" understands that an arrangement has been effected between the Countess Montignoso and the King of Saxony. The Countess consents to deliver up her daughter Princess Pia Monica, the King on his part agreeing to increase the amount of her appanage, and also, under certain conditions, to permit her occasionally to visit her children, not, however, in Dresden, but at some place to be decided on outside the Kingdom of Saxony.

After an illness of some duration, the Earl of Kenmare died on Thursday evening at his London residence in his 80th year. The deceased peer was the fourth earl, but the family is an old and distinguished one. He represented County Kerry in Parliament in the Liberal interest for 19 years—from 1852 to 1871—when the death of his father raised him to the House of Lords. For many years he held office in the household of Queen Victoria, by whom he was held in personal friendship, and he was Lord Chamberlain from 1880 to 1886. The family is Catholic and the late Earl was a particular friend of two Kerry Bishops, Dr. Moriarty and Dr. Coffey.

The Kenmare estate in Kerry is large and beautiful. One of the late Earl's ancestors received a grant of the Lakes of Killarney from James I., and the Kenmare acres amount altogether to nearly 200,000. Killarney House, the Earl's Kerry seat, is a modern mansion in the Elizabethan style of architecture. The interior decoration is beautiful, some of the door handles being made from exquisite specimens of chased antique watchcases. During the visit of Queen Victoria, with the Prince of Wales and Princess Alice to Ireland in 1861, the late Earl who was then known as Lord Castlerosse, entertained them at his beautiful home at Killarney.

The Rev. William Thomas Whitly, Baptist minister, of Preston, has won in New York, the first prize of £200 for the best essay on the origin and history of the Catholic version of the Bible and the American revised version of the English Bible. The prize was offered by Miss Helen Gould, daughter of the late millionaire, Mr. Jay Gould.

At Achill Island, a Community of nuns will shortly be established, the members of which will use only the Irish language in their intercourse with the people.

The address presented by the Corporation of Dublin to Cardinal Vannutelli on the occasion of his visit as Papal Legate to Ireland is in the form of vellum scroll mounted on Irish poplin, and is enclosed in a splendidly carved bog oak casket. It is adorned by the Cardinal's arms, the arms of the City of Dublin, and a water colour painting of the City Hall introduced immediately under the signatures of the Lord Mayor and Town Clerk. The ornamentation and interlacing is of Irish design, and the casket is modelled on the style of the Irish Book of Shines. The work was entrusted to Miss Mary Fitzpatrick, of 192 Clonliffe-road. The address is on view at Messrs. Hopkin's, jewellers, Lower O'Connell-street.



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On February 14th, as a valentine, Mr. John O'Connor (Nationalist) was returned without opposition as member of Parliament for North Kildare, in place of the late Mr. Leamy.

Admiral Sir Hilary Gustavus Andoe, who died suddenly at Plymouth on Feb. 11, at the age of 64, was a Catholic.

Leonard Moody, the well known real estate dealer of Brooklyn, who had long been treasurer of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, and one of the Rev. Dr. Talmage's closest friends, and who, on the disruption of the Tabernacle, joined the First Reformed Dutch Church, became a Catholic a few hours before his death. The fact that he had been converted to Catholicism was not generally known until he was to be buried, when the funeral took place at the house according to the rites of the Catholic Church. The Very Rev. Edward McCarty, rector of St. Augustine's Church, officiated. Mrs. Moody and two of her daughters have been Catholics for several years.

President Roosevelt is to be the guest of honor at the banquet of the New York Friendly Sons of St. Patrick to be given on the coming 17th of March. The President will be escorted to Delmonico's by the famous Sixty-ninth regiment. The souvenirs will be black-thorns cut from the original tree from which Fin Mac Cool, the strong man, of Erin's most strenuous age, got his historic shillelah. The one for the President is a beautiful stick that has been carefully polished by four generations of the O'Briens of Thomond and then dried in the turf smoke of a mountain cabin.

Clerical News

Bishop Hoban of Scranton, Pa., has filed a legal protest against the incorporation of a schismatical church at Nanticoke, Pa., to be called the National Polish Church. He objected that such a title would be misleading to Catholics and to the public generally.

Among the statues soon to be placed in Statuary Hall, in the Capitol at Washington, one of Father Ryan, the poet-priest, will be presented by Alabama.

The Rev. John Norris has been elected Superior of the Oratorian Fathers, Hagley-road, Edgbaston, in succession to Very Rev. Dr. Ryder, who had held the position since the death of Cardinal Newman, but who, owing to failing health, has found it necessary to resign the office.

The most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, in sending ten guineas to the Irish Parliamentary Fund, says the obstacle which hitherto stood in the way of his co-operating with the Irish party now seems to have been happily removed. He declares that without Home Rule prosperity for Ireland is

impossible, and adds that the immediate important step for Ireland is to turn out the present miserable Government.

Rev. Father Vales, O.M.I., of Fort Alexander, was here this week.

Rev. D. Plante, S.J., left on Friday, the 10th, for Port Arthur, Ont. He will preach two missions in the Catholic Church at Fort William, one in English, another in French. After that he will act as pastor of St. Andrew's, Port Arthur, while Rev. O. Neault, S.J., makes his annual retreat. Father Plante will return here early in April.

Rev. Father Junker is now assistant to Rev. Father Luytens at Estevan.

The Right Honourable and Right Reverend Count Vay de Vaya and Luskod, of Budapest, Hungary, is making a tour of America for the purpose of investigating conditions among the Catholic Hungarians. Mgr. Vay de Vaya was appointed Papal Legate to the Court of Spain in 1897, and in the same year was sent as envoy to Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. He speaks nine languages.

It is announced that the Oblates of Mary Immaculate have purchased nearly five acres of ground adjacent to the Catholic University of America. The land bought is in two parts, fronting on Fourth Street, N.E., and divided by the Bunker Hill road. It is surmised that they will build two separate establishments.

Rev. Lewis Drummond, S.J., will preach every Sunday evening of Lent, beginning on the 12th inst., in St. Mary's Church.

HUGE MOLLUSKS.

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