

OBSERVED FEAST OF ASSUMPTION.

CEREMONY AT SUMMER SCHOOL

Beautiful Procession at Cliff Haven Was Striking.

Cliff Haven, Aug. 19.—The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin has come and gone. Throughout the whole Catholic world August 15 is set apart by the Church for the honor and glory of the Mother of God.

THE TRIDIUM.

The celebration of the feast of the Assumption this year most beautifully concluded the tridium begun on Thursday and ushered in the eighth week of the session.

The sermon of the day, one of the most masterly and eloquent ever heard in the chapel of Our Lady of the Lake, was delivered by the Rev. John J. Burke, C.S.P., of New York, editor of the Catholic World, New York City.

THE OTHER CEREMONIES.

The afternoon and evening ceremonies on the feast of the Assumption were quite beyond any similar commemorations of the event noted at Cliff Haven.

The lecturers for the week were Rev. Thomas P. Fehan, Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, New York; James J. Walsh, M.D., Dean of Fordham Medical School, New York; Dr. J. Bird and Mr. Camille W. Zeckwer of Philadelphia.

IRISH LAND BILL MAKES PROGRESS.

NINE CLAUSES WAS ADOPTED.

Discussion Centered on the Graduation of the Bonus.

Nine clauses were added to the Land Bill in Committee of the House of Commons last Friday, says the Weekly Freeman of August 7. There was a long debate, but there were only two divisions, seven of the clauses being passed, either because everybody approved them, or because Mr. Birrell promised the necessary amendments.

PRINCIPLE OF GRADUATION.

Mr. Birrell proposes to introduce the principle of graduation. He has the Irish Party heartily with him, and the proposal commends itself to common sense. It will enable the mortgaged estates comprising poor land to be sold at a reasonable price; it will not act as a stimulus to extortion and a reward to the extortionate.

WYNDHAM'S REPUDIATION.

Now he declares that that price was what he aimed at. We believe it was; but why did he repudiate his intention in 1903? is repudiation was evidently on the same plane as his profession of concern for "the rotten and rigid communities" of the West.

IMPORTANT CONCESSION.

Another important concession was made by the Chief Secretary in consenting to drop the proposal to limit the amount of bonus payable to a tenant for life to 5 per cent. The equity lawyer, rather than the student of Irish land purchase statistics, was responsible for that proposal.

GREAT IMPROVEMENTS.

These are great improvements in the bill. Only two divisions were challenged. The principle of graduation was affirmed by nearly five votes to one, a majority of 206. But only 69 votes were found in the majority that imposed the payment of the advance dividend upon the tenants. Unanimity marked the repeal of Mr. Wyndham's enactment imposing the cost of the discount

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Tribute to Mgr. Bruchesi. New York Catholic Weekly's Warm Praise. Last Sunday, August 7, the Most Reverend Paul Bruchesi observed the twelfth anniversary of his elevation to the archiepiscopal See of Montreal.

Better Leave it Alone. Excessive indulgence in alcohol is notoriously destructive of body, mind and soul. A moderate use is deemed in some quarters to be beneficial. The following taken from an article written for McClure's Magazine by Dr. Henry Smith Williams may be considered expert opinion and not the mouthings of a fanatic.

Irish Emigration. The total number of persons who left Ireland during the months of June was 2786, as against 2334 in June last year, and the total number for six months ending June 30 was 21,828, as against 18,873 for the corresponding period of 1908.

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