

THE MOTHER LAND.

Lat-st Mills from Ireland, Eng-land and Scotland.

Important Meeting of the Irish Parlia-mentary Party. The Irish National League of Great Britain and the National Convention—Amrby de Vere on Irish Music—An Important Budget of English and Scotch News.

Notice. A new church at Nazareth House, Ballynafeigh, Belfast, was dedicated on April 28.

Mr. Wylie's restaurant at Whitehead was damaged by burglars and £17 stolen on May 1.

At a conference of farmers in Belfast on May 1, a body of the representative agriculturists of Ulster condemned Mr. Balfour's Land Bill unsparringly.

Armagh. A disastrous fire broke out on April 29th, resulting in the destruction of the establishment of Bernard McGlynn, J.P.

The first application made in Ireland for the fixing of rents for the second judicial term of 16 years are listed before the Land Commissioners at Armagh.

James Donohoe has died in Armagh jail where he was in prison on a charge of stabbing his father. His death was due to alcoholism.

A movement is on foot to start a variety entertainment hall in Cork. Dan Lowry of Dublin is behind it.

A respectable man named William Uppington, of Kilgobbin, near Malrow, has committed suicide.

Michael McCarthy has been evicted from his farm on the estate of Lord Midleton, two miles from the town.

Daniel Kennedy, the well known Dromedary football player, has died of an injury sustained in the football field.

Thomas Casey, of Gort, Galway, who was arrested at Queenstown, where he had taken passage for America, escaped from the police at Cork, swam the Lee twice, followed by Constable Daly, and was finally captured near Waterfall after a run of 20 miles. He is accused of obtaining money under false pretences.

A mad dog made terror in Bridge street. Having attacked several persons it tackled a coal cart which got in a kick at the outset. The dog fell and received a second kick before it could recover. This settled the combat.

The tenants on the estate of Messrs Lowe and Gibbons at Knocknagree have been reinstated.

Considerable reductions have been made in rents on the Carberry and other estates.

On his 88th birthday, the completion of his 64th year in the ministry, Dean O'Regan, Mitchelstown, was presented with an address and testimonial by Dr. Browne, bishop of the diocese, his chapter and all the diocesan bodies. The following letter was read from Archbishop Uroke:

My Dear Sir—I am in receipt of the card of invitation to the Dean O'Regan celebration which you were good enough to send me; and sincerely assure you that nothing would afford me greater pleasure than to turn it practically to account by being present at the Town Hall, Mitchelstown, at one o'clock on Wednesday next, were it all possible for me to do so, but it really is not. Diocesan arrangements of long date, and which I cannot disengage or overlook, stand imperiously in my way, and instead, therefore, of putting in a personal appearance, as I could earnestly desire to do on this memorable occasion, I can only be present with you in spirit and in truth. Dean O'Regan has been a conspicuous and influential element in Irish affairs generally for the last half century and more. As a priest devoted heart and soul to the best interests of his native diocese he has scarcely a rival in the Irish Church. I know him close on sixty years. Nature has been bountiful to him in no common degree. He is a staunch friend and able counsellor, a fine specimen of Irish ecclesiastical dignity, and an ardent lover of his country. His friends and admirers are numerous in every walk of life. He has grown old to be sure, but his eyes are still powerful and molten. His intellect is as clear, his heart as warm and as emotional as it was when he first undertook the responsibility of a Christian pastor; and I know of no man the way that could rebound more to the credit of the great diocese of Cloyne than the tribute of respect and veneration which it is to pay him in Mitchelstown on Wednesday next. Regretting my inability to be present, and wishing our great old man health and grace, and length of years to come.

Yours faithfully, T. W. Croxson, Archbishop of Cashel.

P. Dwyer, Oaher, East Clare, has evicted a tenant woman named Barry. A large police force assisted.

The farmers of Down met in Belfast on April 28, and passed resolutions pointing out the shortcomings of Mr. Gerald Balfour's Land Bill.

The financial affairs of Derry Corporation are in a mess. Over £2,000 is owing to the Inspector General of Constabulary for police service. This sum cannot be paid. A number of the finance committee urge that it is important to discuss such things until they had got their bill passed in Parliament, as anything disclosed now would only give a text to their opponents to harass them in the committee appointed by the House of Commons. These statements of the

unsatisfactory state of the finances are creating a stir in ratifying circles in Derry. As has been frequently stated, the Derry Corporation is entirely Ulsterist in its composition, and the officials are the same. No Catholic has a seat at the board, and no Catholic is engaged in Corporation official work.

Dublin. Mr. W. E. Calbeck J. P., Shankhill, is dead.

The death of two children in the city is attributed to cheap candies said to contain poison coloring.

The death is announced of Michael J. Clery, J.P., of the firm of Clery & Co., O'Connell st.

The Bray Commissioners intend to erect, to the offer of a promenade pier made to them.

The members of the Irish Institute of Journalists held their annual meeting in Dublin on April 28. Seventy-six members and their guests dined at Greystones in the evening.

A difference arose among the Judges in the Land Court, on April 26, over the determination of Justice Bewley and Commissioner Fitzgerald to keep the rents up. A protest was made by Commissioner O'Brien.

The hotel proprietors of Ireland are making busy preparations for this year's tourist trade. They are undertaking improvements and attractions at all the Irish hotels. They also demand a royal residence for Ireland.

The Dublin Post Office employees have held an indignation meeting to protest against recent promotions. It was the unanimous opinion that the appointments had been made irrespective of merit.

Dublin ladies are nothing if not humane. A cat was found dying on O'Connell street. Two ladies passing, who were the first to observe it, went into the nearest drug store, procured chloroform administered it to the animal, and then one of them taking off her gape wrapped the cat in it and carried it off.

The Dublin Musical Society's last concert for the season given on May 6th, Sir Arthur Sullivan's Oratorio, "The Light of the World," was performed under the direction of the composer himself.

"The Light of the World" was first produced at Birmingham Festival of 1878 under Sir Arthur Sullivan's direction. He was then only 81 years of age; and his Oratorio was at once recognized as a great work.

A petition has been presented to the Chief Secretary of Ireland praying that in the provision of further endowment for Irish University education the claims of women to share in such endowment may not be overlooked. The signatures to the memorial include those of many leading members of the Catholic, Protestant, and Presbyterian Churches, a majority of the Judges and University authorities, and nineteen Professors and Fellows of Trinity College.

On Monday, the 15th June, the Intermediate Examinations for the present year will be commenced in 186 centres for boys and 69 for girls. The metropolitan district will have 49 centres for boys and 18 for girls; the rest will be in pretty much the same provincial locations as last year.

There are only two new centres established. Both are for girls, one being in Thurles (at the Convent School), the other at Galway. Previous to this year the number of girls annually sent up to the examinations did not exceed twelve or fourteen, and they had to go either to Mullingar, a distance of 60 miles, or Dublin, 118 miles. This year the number of girl candidates from Galway is more than 20, and they will be examined in that city, a notable benefit and convenience.

The total number entered this year for examination, boys and girls, reaches 9,400, an increase of about 400 on 1895. In the Boys' divisions the senior grade figures are 238 and 77 (average); middle, 840 and 187; junior, 2,976 and 349; preparatory, 2,560. The senior grade girls send up 188 and 16 (average); middle, 319 and 48; junior, 1,018 and 102; preparatory, 768.

A meeting of the Irish Party was held on May 1st in Committee Room 16, under the chairmanship of Mr. John Dillon. The following letter, addressed to Mr. W. Abraham, hon. secretary of the Party, was read from Mr. Donal Sullivan:

"Will you kindly inform Mr. Dillon and the Party at the next meeting that I do not wish to act any longer as one of the hon. secretaries to the Party. I have filled the position for eleven years and during that time I have met with from all my colleagues unfailing kindness and indeed great courtesy, for which I now beg to return my very best thanks."

On the motion of Mr. J. P. Farrell, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That in view of Mr. Donal Sullivan's long services to the Party, the Party do request him to reconsider his determination and continue to act as secretary."

A letter was received from Mr. M. Healy declining to act on the Parliamentary Committee charged with preparing amendments to the Land Bill. The letter was by unanimous agreement inserted on the minutes. The following resolution with respect to the Catholic Committee on the Education Bill was proposed by Mr. J. F. X. O'Brien, seconded by Captain Dowdell, and unanimously passed:

"That our Chairman be requested to attend the deliberations of the Catholic Committee upon the Education Bill as a member of the Irish Party, and to keep the Party informed of the views of the committee."

The engagement is announced of Sir Samuel Scott with Lady Sophie Colarog, Earl Colarog's youngest daughter. Lady Sophie is twenty-two, exactly the age of her future husband. Sir Samuel Scott is now head of the banking family of that name whose business was recently transferred to Parr's Banking Co.

The first detachment of mounted infantry attached to regiments in the Dublin command has proceeded to Aldershot, to form the mixed battalions ordered to Capotown. The troops in Dublin consist of the Mounted Infantry attached to the 1st Battalion Derbyshire Regiment at Watlington Barracks, and are under the command of Major S. F. Evans and Lieutenant P. M. Dowse. A detachment of the 2nd Hampshire, stationed at Ship street (with the head quarters at Birt), proceed by the same route under the command of Lieutenant E. Harland.

A return has been presented to Parliament of the number of agrarian outrages reported to the Inspector-General of Constabulary in Ireland during the quarter ended 31st March, 1896. The total number was 57, of which 82 were threatening letters. There were 6 cases of firing at the person, 6 incendiary fires, 4 cases of killing, cutting, or maiming cattle, 1 of intimidation, 2 of taking forcible possession, 1 of assault on the police, 1 of resistance to legal process, and 1 of injury to property. Clare and Kerry had the list with 10 each, Galway (West Riding) being next with 5.

The Irish Seamstresses have memorialized the Chief Secretary claiming a state endowment for the higher education of women.

The engagement is announced of Mr. J. L. Gannon, M.P., Dublin, to Mrs. Hugh Colarog, Kennard, London. The early closing movement in Dublin is now an assured success.

On April 28th an exquisite statue of St. Joseph and the child Jesus, erected under a beautifully carved marble canopy, was unveiled at Clongowes Wood College. The statue was the gift of Mrs. Taffie, of Smarmore Castle in commemoration of her only son who had been a student at the College.

Dublin is face to face with a crisis in the building trade. The masters have laid down rules which their men declare they cannot accept. They would be left entirely at their masters' mercy they if they did so. Public meetings are being arranged for the discussion of the situation. If a strike should result 5,000 men would be affected.

New potatoes were on view in Dublin on April 28th.

Trooper Baxter killed in the engagement at Bulawa was an Irishman.

The Irish Agricultural Association have condemned the Land Bill as inadequate.

Permacrak. The Land Commissioners have assembled to fix the rents in Ennis-killon for the second judicial term of 16 years. The tenants are to be allowed interest on their improvements.

Galway. The people of Calliagh, Ballinasloe, assembled to plant the potatoes of James Kilmartin, an evicted tenant.

A Local Government Board enquiry has been held in Galway into this objection raised by J. O. McDonnell, Nationalist candidate, against the election of Edward Lee, Redmondite candidate, as Guardian for the South Ward of Galway Union.

The Allan Line steamer that left Galway on April 24th with 240 emigrants on board had only got as far out as Spiddal when an accident occurred to her machinery. She returned for repairs.

Kerry. Patrick Dowd died suddenly in a railway carriage at Castlemaize on April 28th. He had run to catch the train and overexerted himself. He was sixty years of age.

Robert Upton, coastguard of Ballyheigue, committed suicide on April 28th.

Considerable dissatisfaction is felt among the Ormalwaite tenants in the Listowel district on account of the Land Commissioners refusing upon a technicality to entertain their application to have fair rents fixed.

A police patrol was reported to have been fired at in the Castleland district at Dooremalagh. The firing was done by a caretaker on Sam Hussey's evicted farm. Hussey discharged the caretaker from arrest.

Killara. On April 28th the marriage of Major Edmund J. Deane, R.M., Tralee, son of Mr. Edmund Deane, Rath House, Ballybratias, Queen's County, to Isabel, eldest daughter of Mr. Ambrose More O'Ferrall, D.L., Ballynuas, Moyvalley, County Kildare, and granddaughter of the Right Hon. Richard More O'Ferrall, was celebrated in the chapel attached to the residence of the bride's father. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. O'Leary, P.P., Ballyna, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Rourke, O. O., Ballyna, the nuptial Mass being celebrated by the former. The wedding party was both large and fashionable. The bride and bridegroom left in the evening for Dublin for their honeymoon. His Holiness the Pope, through Monsignor Henry del Val, sent his blessing to the bride and bridegroom on the occasion of their marriage.

Limerick. Dr. P. J. Cleary is a candidate for the coronership of East Limerick.

The judicial committee of the Privy Council on May 1st to consider the question of the Limerick Borough schools. Dr. O'Dwyer, Catholic bishop of Limerick, objected to the Government scheme advanced and the committee sent back the scheme for reconsideration.

Latest rent reductions in the Land Courts have given satisfaction to the tenants.

The pork butchers and pig buyers of Limerick have amalgamated.

A man named John Quinlan fell forty feet from Barrington's hospital and was instantly killed on April 28th.

The Irish Musical Feis Committee in Dublin have received the following letter from Mr. Aubrey De Vere:

Curragh Chase, Alder. DEAR SIR—The documents you have sent me are very interesting to me. I need hardly say that I am strongly in sympathy with the objects proposed to them, and by the Feis Committee, and heartily wish success to all efforts for the cultivation of good music in Ireland, and for the due appreciation of that art which is in itself so beautiful and so characteristic. Unfortunately I am sure that what is a most characteristic in it is now far less appreciated than it used to be in times called "barbarous," and that the music which is now the character of which is that of a dirge, are now played so fast to sound like music to which people dance. I hope that the effort now about to be made, which is not only a very serious evil, for whatever it stultifies the imagination of the people must exercise an evil effect on its moral sensibilities. What are now called "Gospel Songs" of old. In other words, men saw then that the rising sun was fit to be reflected from these mountains. What they possess is a reassembled, and confined to one or two, and only with our imaginative interest or meaning. I earnestly wish success to all such endeavours as you are engaged in for the interests of true refinement and not of mere material civilization in all parts of our lovely country.—Yours faithfully, AUBREY DE VERE, LORDSTON.

Michael Tiernan, Clonmea, was killed by his horse on April 26th.

It is proposed to sell the Sligo, Leitrim and Northern Counties railway. A popular protest is being made on behalf of the small towns along the line.

Leath. Mr. Patrick Lyons, one of the Massereene evicted tenants, has been reinstated in his holding at Braitang's Cross on favorable terms. Mr. Ordner, who was Lord Massereene's agent about fifteen years ago, has recently been re-appointed as agent.

Mr. Peter Woods, Ballymakin, is dead. He was a "suspect" under the Forster regime.

Tipperary. An appropriate commemoration of the silver jubilee of his Grace the Archbishop of Cashel is the beautiful stained glass window erected in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Templemore. The reverence and affection of the Catholic people of Templemore for his Grace could find no more fitting memorial. The Very Rev. Canon Meagher at their request put in eloquent words the feelings that prompted the presentation. His Grace gladdened the hearts of the faithful of Templemore by his gracious and kindly acceptance and thanks. When the silver jubilee of his Grace was in progress last year Templemore could not at the time find anything which it considered worthy of his acceptance till by a happy thought this interesting memorial was fixed upon. It is an offering worthy of the prelates of whose jubilee it is a memorial, and of the feelings which prompted it.

His Grace has sent the following reply:—"The Palace, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, APRIL 28, 1896.

"MY DEAR CANON MEAGHER—An accident to which I called your attention when I had last the pleasure of seeing you here has hitherto prevented me from placing in your hands my reply to the address from the people of Templemore, which you read for me some time ago, in connection with the celebration of my Episcopal Silver Jubilee."

"Allow me now however tardily, to thank you and your excellent parishioners for the great kindness and consideration extended, at all times, to me by them and you, especially on the memorable occasion to which I now particularly refer, and assure you that I shall ever regard the beautiful stained glass window erected by them in their parish church, in my honour as one of the most precious and interesting memorials of the high festivities of last July."

"I beg of you to convey to Mr. Connolly, chairman of your committee, and to the other gentlemen signatories to the address the expression of my sincere regard and lasting gratitude.—I remain, my dear Canon Meagher, yours very faithfully, T. W. Croxson, Archbishop of Cashel, Templemore."

The Nengah races were revived on April 28th after a lapse of many years.

Tipperary. Bernard O'Neill, living at Olnavaddy, near Pomeroy, is 107 years old. It is rumored that the Cecil estate formerly in possession of Peter Germain J.P. is to be sold.

John Hannon and Patrick O'Gara, of Battledune near Ballymore, are in custody for seriously beating Patrick Boles Attyville.

Waterford. On April 28th Lord Waterford attained his majority. A late affliction in the family prevented any rejoicing of the tenantry.

England. Lord Balfour on the Bazaar Commission.

The third quarterly meeting of the thirty-eighth year of the English

Church Union was held on Monday night in the Medical Examination Hall, Thomas Embankment, under the presidency of Viscount Halifax. Referring to the Commission sitting at Rome on the question of Anglian Orders Lord Halifax said there were many in England who wish for, and would rejoice at, a condemnation. I wish it were not so for their own sake, and for the sake of the truth and peace; but the injury that will be done, should they succeed in their objects, will not be to us or to the Church of England. Our love for her, and our confidence in her, will remain what it was, nay, it will be increased, should any condemnation be issued; but the blow and the injury will be to the wider hopes that Leo XIII. has done so much to encourage, and for the realisation of which he so earnestly longs. Nay, more, it will be a great difficulty in the way of Rome herself in the general maintenance of the reality of the Christian priesthood and of the whole social and moral principle. May it please God, Whose over-ruling Providence has made itself almost visible to those who have been concerned in the events of the last three years, to avert such a misfortune and to guide the minds of all, whether in Rome or in England, especially in the minds of all in authority, to use the present investigation as an occasion, in the interests of truth and peace for the institution of conferences on both sides for the careful, patient, and charitable discussion of all the difficulties and misunderstandings which at present keep us apart.

After 400 years.

The Vicar Apostolic of Wales has appointed the Rev. Father O'Haire (late Llanelli) to the pastoral charge of Radnorshire, S. Wales, in which entire country there are not above 200 scattered Catholics. Father O'Haire is the first resident priest in Llandrinod, where one room is set apart as a chapel. Catholic priests from Ireland visiting the famous Wells of Llandrinod will now have facility of celebrating Mass.

A Pleading Great.

A grand bazaar was opened in St. George's Hall, Liverpool on April 28 to clear off the remaining debt on the new Catholic Church of St. Bridget's Bevington hill, which is under the pastorage of a well known and most popular Irish priest, Father O'Donovan. The formal opening was declared by the ex Lord Mayor Mr. W. H. Watts, city councillor, a member of the Protestant persuasion and a friend of Ireland.

The Right Rev. Monsignor Carr, V. G., occupied the chair. Mr. Watts, who met with a most enthusiastic reception, said the object of their gathering that day was to assist the noble work that was being done quietly and unobtrusively in their city more than 25 years (applause). The speaker paid an eloquent tribute to Father O'Donovan's work amongst the Catholics of Liverpool, and continuing, said that last summer he spent a short time on the west coast of Ireland, a part he had not visited for some time before, and he was greatly struck and pleased with the marked improvement which had taken place. He (Mr. Watts) was one of those who thought the social state of Ireland was largely the result of the protracted and unsympathetic government of this country, and he rejoiced to see the improvement that had taken place during recent years, during which time he believed all parties had been striving to remove the impediment to progress which had so long stood in the way. The good which had been accomplished gave him reason to hope that ere long Ireland would be happy and prosperous (applause).

Patriotic Catholic Marriage.

At the Oratory, Brompton, on April 27th, Lady Susan Keppel, fourth daughter of the late Earl of Albemarle, and sister of the present peer, was married to Mr. Walter Bamper Townley, second secretary to the British Embassy at Paris and son of the late Mr. Charles Townley of Foulbourn. The Rev. Father Best officiated, assisted by Father Anthon (cousin of the bride) and Rev. Father Bowden, all of the Oratory. Mr. Maximilian Townley (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The Earl of Albemarle gave his sister away.

Devotion of Foundation.

We are, (writes the Tablet) in a position to state on the best authority that the reports circulated both here and abroad that Messrs. Fuller and Lacey were invited by the Roman authorities to come to Rome or to assist in any way in the work of the Commission on Anglican Ordinations are absolutely devoid of foundation. No permission has been granted to any member of the Commission to communicate with outsiders on the subject, and information as to the proceedings must be received with distrust.

Irish Athletes in London.

A meeting of Irishmen in London was held on May 1 for the purpose of arranging for the revival of the Irish athletes in London on Whit Monday. Mr. Joseph Nolan presided, and the following officials were elected: Chairman, Mr. Joseph Nolan; treasurer, Mr. P. J. Foley; hon. sec., Messrs. Joseph O'Kelly and P. O'Garra.

The profus of the tournament are to be given to the "Little Sisters of the

Poor" for the purposes of their charitable work. It was stated at the meeting that the City of London Police had challenged the redoubtable Dublin Metropolitan Police tug of war team to a contest in London on Whit Monday.

Conductor Bishop of Southwark.

At St. George's Cathedral on May 1st, the Right Rev. Mgr. Bourne, Rector of Southwark, near Guildford, was consecrated Bishop of Epiphania and Coadjutor Bishop of Southwark. Owing to the indisposition of Most Rev. Dr. Butt, Bishop of Southwark, who, however, was present at the ceremony, his Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster was the officiating prelate. The Most Rev. Dr. Whitside, Bishop of Liverpool, assisted at the ceremony. Present in the sanctuary were—The Bishop of Ely, the Provost, Most Rev. Canon Keatinge, Canon O'Halloran, M. Grath, Canon Bagehawa, Donis, and many other dignitaries. A large part of the great Cathedral was reserved for the clergy and there were present nearly all the well-known priests of Southwark and representatives of almost all the Westminster Missions. Among the orders represented were the Benedictines, Carmelites, Franciscans, Cypriotes, Redemptorists, Passionists, and Dominicans. All parts of the Cathedral allocated to the laity were thronged. The ceremony was most impressive, the music being rendered by a choir of priests led by members of the Priests' Choral Society.

Father John S. Vaughan.

The Rev. John S. Vaughan (youngest brother of the Cardinal Archbishop), who has just returned from Rome, has been elevated by the Pope to the dignity of a domestic prelate of the Vatican in recognition of his labor in England on behalf of the faith. He is well known as an accomplished scholar and a pulpit orator of the first rank, and is familiar to Londoners in connection with the "Catholic evidence lectures" in the public halls of the Metropolis, of which he is the active promoter.

N. L. of Great Britain.

A number of branches of the Irish National League of Great Britain having expressed the desire that the annual convention, instead of taking place at Manchester on the 23rd May—as already fixed—should be held in Dublin following the great Irish convention, the executive has issued a circular to all the branches in order to ascertain their wishes on the subject. On the replies received will depend whether the convention already summoned will be postponed and held in Dublin in September. It is most probable that the vast majority of the branches will support the proposal to hold the annual convention in the Irish capital.

Scotland.

The Heir of Abbotsford.

The coming of age of Lieutenant Maxwell Scott, the great-grandson of Sir Walter Scott and heir to the Abbotsford estates, was duly celebrated by the Catholics of Galashiels and district in the Guild Hall of that town. The occasion lost much of its interest owing to the fact that the Scott family is at present away from home and the Lieutenant himself an invalid. There was a large attendance, however, and Mr. John Getlin, the chairman, in the course of a very happy speech, said that they had assembled to do honour to Lieutenant Maxwell-Scott because he was the descendant of Sir Walter Scott, whom they all as Scotsmen revered and admired for having by his genius gained for old Scotland a place among the nations of the earth. Again they honoured this young man as Catholics on account of his grandfather, Mr. Hope Scott, who had built the hand some church of Our Lady and St. Andrew, and on account of Mrs. Hope Scott, who sold her jewels that she might erect a high altar in the same church.

Arrangements in Glasgow.

A very large and representative gathering of Irishmen was held in Glasgow on April 29 on the occasion of the annual meeting of Armagh men resident in that city. Mr. John Dillon, M.P., attended, and Father Charles Quinn, of Carnlogh; Father Rook and Mr. Bernard O'Neill, County Delegate for Armagh were present.

Canon McCreary at St. Joseph's.

On the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph the priests and people of St. Joseph's parish, North Woodside Road, Glasgow, welcomed His Lordship Dr. Maguire, Bishop-auxiliary of Glasgow who celebrated Pontifical High Mass.

Mission in Glasgow.

A week's Mission for women of the parish of St. Francis, Glasgow, was solemnly closed by the Rev. Father Jerome, Carmelite, of Dublin. The friends are greatly pleased at the pronounced success of their efforts.

Meeting by Parish Choir.

A large audience, which included the Rev. P. Higgins, assembled in St. John's League Hall under the auspices of St. John's Young Men's Society, to hear an excellent recital of sacred music by the members of St. Peter's Choir, Paisley, which is so ably led by Mr. H. O'Halloran.

At the death of Queen Elizabeth 9,000 dresses were in her wardrobe, of which only two were of silk.