

NOTES OF IRISH NEWS.

JOHN DILLON, M.P. — The well known member of the Irish Parliamentary Party who was obliged to relinquish his post last February, has returned much benefited by his long rest.

LAND SALES. — The Belfast Irish Weekly says:

Mr. Wyndham's long promised Parliamentary return on the working of the Land Act has at last been allowed to see daylight. It covers the six months ending April 30th, and it shows that the estates sold direct to the tenants, and not through the Land Commission, are as follows: Ulster, 32; Leinster, 43; Connaught, 10; Munster, 37.

ON ERECTING CHURCHES. — At a meeting of the residents of St. Laurence O'Toole's parish, held on Sunday with the object of raising funds for the completion of the parochial church and schools, the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh spoke of the many instances in which the squares and gardens of the city were adorned with statues of men to whom Irishmen owe little gratitude and less affection.

TEMPERANCE WORK. — The 24th annual report of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association, Church street, Dublin, is a record of steady progress made in a great and holy cause, says a correspondent.

IRISH LANGUAGE. — After the presentation of a drama written in Irish by Dr. Douglas Hyde, at the Tuam Feis, held recently, Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, said: The first thing that very forcibly occurred to him was this—that, no matter what might be said of the ancient Gaelic language in other parts of Ireland, in the West of Ireland, and especially here in Tuam, it was not a dead, but a living language.

Now, there were several things that struck him during the course of that evening's most interesting entertainment. In the first place what struck him during the opening chorus was the spirit as well as the music with which the children gave expression to the poetic thought and melodic inspiration of what they interpreted.

Then, again, there was a story told by a young girl; he would almost call her a child. Well, he was in the habit of hearing from time to time too many preachers and too many lay orators of various kinds, but he thought they would agree with him that it was very rare and very difficult to find any speaker, lay or ecclesiastical, who spoke with the simple force and with the liveliness and clearness and heartfelt enthusiasm of that little girl.

As their Archbishop and patron he was glad that they had there that evening two most distinguished visitors. One was his old and distinguished friend Mr. Martyn. It was not his first time to be there, and he hoped it would not be the last. Mr. Martyn was a scholar of the widest culture, not merely in English, but one possessing an intimate knowledge of ancient Greek.

MR. WILLIAM REDMOND, M.P. — This stalwart Irish Parliamentarian is, all will be pleased to learn, now being restored in health. His medical adviser has ordered a trip on the continent of not less than six weeks, as he can give permission to Mr. Redmond to resume his public duties.

ON SUNDAY, 22nd May, a competition of Junior Church Choirs, in connection with the Castlebellinagh Feis, was held at Dundalk, says the Drogheda Independent. The work selected was the plain chant Mass, "Missa de Angelis," and to afford those present not familiar with the notation of the Benedictine Solemes chant, the music was specially translated into tonic sol-fa and staff notation, and issued in the series of Arundel Masses selected by Henry

Duke of Norfolk and C. T. Gatti. The prize was presented by Mr. Thos. Kelly, of Castletown, whose liberality in connection with the Irish school is well known. It is worthy of note that this competition was inaugurated before the publication of the "Motu Proprio" of His Holiness. It is a matter for congratulation that the County Louth is well abreast of the movement for church music reform. That only two choirs competed on Sunday is explained by the inexorable law of the "survival of the fittest." Originally choirs from Drogheda, Ardee, and other districts entered for the contest, and it was postponed from August to October last to suit their convenience, and on their failure to face the music it was again postponed to last Sunday, when it was finally disposed of.

At the termination of the performances, the Adjudicator said that he had heard the choirs with much pleasure. Very great intelligence had been displayed by both in the rendering of the "Missa de Angelis," and the efforts of both choirs were worthy of much praise. The character of the music and the interpretations had evidently been the subject of much thought and study. He subjected the performances to careful criticism, and taking all the elements into consideration, he believed that the better rendering had been by the second choir, heard in St. Patrick's Church, to which he awarded the prize. He complimented the boys on their excellent efforts, and he thought from their performance that they would have been successful with other school boys, as their attack, phrasing, pronunciation, accenting and expression were admirable.

The contest was organized by and carried through under the direction of Mr. Thos. Barry, Castlebellinagh who secured the services, as Adjudicator, of Mr. C. L. Murray, St. Mary of the Angels, Church street, Dublin. To save choirs the expense of travelling to a common centre, it had been arranged if choirs from other districts had competed, to send the Adjudicator to hear the choirs in their own churches. This course would also have the advantage of allowing choirs to compete under the conditions most favorable to themselves.

BELGIAN ELECTIONS.

Complete results of elections to the Belgian Senate and Chamber of Deputies are now known. In the Chamber the Catholics have lost six seats, their former majority of 26 being thus reduced to 20. In the Senate the Catholic majority, which before the elections was 16, is reduced to 11, the party having lost five seats.

Commenting on the results, the Catholic Times, Liverpool says: "In many of the comments upon the results of the Belgian elections it has been assumed that the Catholics have suffered something of a check. In reality they have strengthened their position. For this reason—that though they have lost a few seats, their total poll has been higher than it was in 1900, and the true losers have been their only formidable opponents, the Socialists. The Liberals have had some gains, but at the expense of the Socialists, who have come out of the political fray with seven seats less than they had when they entered it. There has been a considerable falling off in the Socialist vote almost in every district. When the Liberal party was to all intents and purposes dead, many of the old Liberal voters joined the ranks of the Socialists; but their experience has not proved satisfactory to them and they have returned to their first love. This has been so especially in the case of small proprietors, who have never been very favorable to the Socialist propaganda. The return of the Liberals to power is at present not a question of practical interest;

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