

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People in Home-Various Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

CONNAUGHT.

JALWAY.—On Feb. 12, at Renmore Cottage, Galway, died Fanny, widow of James Connor, for many years steward of Major Wilson Lynch, deeply regretted.

The whole-hearted manner in which the Brothers of St. Patrick, in Galway, took up the study of Irish makes the neighboring schools look mean. The Brothers look on the work as a duty to their country, and as such they perform it. The Rev. A. J. Conside, president of the Galway branch attended the school a few days ago to distribute the book prizes awarded by the committee of the Central Branch, Dublin, at the National Festival, held in the Rotunda in May last. Before distributing the prizes, Father Conside addressed the pupils in Irish, and afterwards in English. He congratulated them on the earnestness and determination with which they had taken up the study of Irish in the past, and hoped they would continue the good work.

The death of Miss A. Gibbs (aged 19 years) took place at George's street on Feb. 16. Just six months ago she came home from Dublin in delicate health. Previous to her going to Dublin she was in excellent health, and her jolly ways rendered her a great favorite among her youthful companions. But, alas! after a few years in the city she returned to her parents, to rest in Shanagilly. This is a case in which Richard Dalton William's ballad is most appropriate. The change of a few words is all that is required to fit it to this very pathetic incident: "From a Munster vale they brought her, From the pure and balmy air, An Ormond peasant's daughter, With blue eyes and golden hair; They brought her to the city, And she faded slowly there—Consumption has no pity For blue eyes and golden hair."

MAYO.—Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly, Archbishop of Tuam, has made the following changes: Father Greally, Newport to Ballyhaunis; Father Fallon, Ballyhaunis to The Neale; Father Casavan, The Neale to Newport. Very Rev. P. Lyons, pastor, Castlebar, has just acknowledged in the papers the receipt of subscriptions to help finish the new church. The sums acknowledged aggregate \$1,700. But much more is required for the good work, and he hopes the elder children of Mayo, and of Castlebar in particular, will rally to his assistance.

LEITRIM.—Mr. M. Keaveny presided at a recent meeting of the Drumkeeran branch of the United Irish League.

The death of Mr. John McGorrian, Droimod, occurred on Feb. 5. For many years he had been a post office lineman, in charge of the telegraph lines and electric dynamos, and was a familiar figure in Droimod, Longford, Carrick-on-Shannon, Mohill, Ballinamore, Drumshambo, and all the towns along the Cavan and Leitrim. Though a native of County Wicklow, he had been living in Droimod for many years.

ROSCOMMON.—The death of Mrs. Mary Moore, of Irishtown, Athlone, occurred on Feb. 19, at the fine old age of 81 years. Office and High Mass were held in St. Mary's church, Cornamagh.

After a long illness Mr. Michael Molloy, Newboro, Ballinlough, passed to his reward on Feb. 16, fortified by all the rites of the Holy Church. The interment took place at Granlahan after High Mass de Requiem, and the long funeral cortege eloquently testified to the esteem in which he was held. The officiating priests were Celebrant, Rev. P. Molloy, Aughamore (son of deceased); deacon, Rev. M. J. Conroy, Bekan; sub-deacon, Rev. M. Ronayne, Ballinlough, and master of ceremonies, Rev. J. O'Malley, Castlebar.

SLIGO.—At a recent meeting of the members of the Geavagh branch of the United Irish League, Mr. B. Meegan presided. Attendance numerous.

LINENSTER.

CARLOW.—The death of James Fanning, Castlemore, Tullow, occurred on Feb. 12, at the early age of 18 years, deeply regretted.

Month's Mind Solemn Office and High Mass were celebrated in the parish church of Thiryland, on Feb. 20, for the repose of the soul of Rev. James Robinson. Right Rev. Dr. Foley presided.

DUBLIN.—The death of Rev. Daniel Heffernan occurred on Feb. 19, in Lusk, where he had been pastor since 1894. His death is deeply and widely regretted. On his ordination in 1863 he was appointed chaplain to St. Vincent's Hospital. Subsequently his missions were in Westland Row, St. James, Dublin, Glashtule, Ballinamore, and St. Andrew's, Dublin, and finally in Lusk.

In the pastoral letter of Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, and in those of the other members of the episcopacy Catholics are warned against the evils wrought by the circulation in Ireland of pernicious literature, the work chiefly of Satan and his agents. Many tons of this literature have been seized and destroyed.

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The Executive Committee of the Gaelic League, Dublin, held a meeting on February 12, the Rev. M. P. O'Heickey, D. V. P., in the chair. Very Rev. Canon O'Hanlon on Feb. 18 delivered a most interesting lecture on the discovery of America by the Irish, in the hall of the National Literary Society, 6 Stephen's Green, Dublin. Dr. Sigerson, president of the National Literary Society, presided. Canon O'Hanlon said he had undertaken to allude to the early discovery of America by, in the first instance, a well-known Irish saint. It was supposed that Columbus was the first discoverer, but Columbus had not claimed that distinction. Before he set out he knew there was a great Western island, known all over Europe as the Greater Ireland. Ancient Irish heroes were supposed to dwell in an enchanted place in the Western ocean. Frequent intercourse took place in very remote times between Ireland and Iceland. Irish hermits early visited this distant island, and the Christian religion was found established there before 863. In the Sagas of the Norsemen there are recorded various wonderful stories of the Western Continent, to which the ancient Scandinavian records applied the name of Great Ireland, and which Columbus had not yet discovered. Soon after the introduction of Christianity to Ireland, holy hermits from Ireland reached the shores of America, even before St. Brendan, and those were enabled to return about the year 600. Their narratives inspired the holy Brendan to form the pious resolution of trying to spread the light of Christianity. He sailed from the coast of Kerry with a company of sixty men. St. Brendan landed on the eastern shores of the present trans-Atlantic Republic, and after seven years he and his hardy mariners returned to Ireland. Strange were their adventures as chronicled in the well-known document called St. Brendan's voyage. It could be stated on the authority of a great American historian that the Irish language was spoken there as late as the eighteenth century. St. Brendan's narrative of his voyages was a received tradition in France, in Spain, and in the Netherlands for centuries before Columbus. Mr. P. J. McCaul proposed, and Dr. Cox seconded, a vote of thanks to the reverend lecturer. Dr. Sigerson, in putting the vote, said when the Norsemen reached Iceland they found there remains of the Irish monks, and when they passed on from Greenland to America some of the Christian Irish monks from Iona accompanied them. They might suppose there was more than one Irishman in Columbus' company. He would call attention to one name of those who accompanied him, that was the name of the clergyman, Buyl, whose name so spelt would be the exact Spanish form of the name O'Boyle. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

LONGFORD.—A marriage took place in the Catholic church, Ballymahon, Feb. 16. The bride (the widow of the late Peter Boyle, Terlicken), looked blooming, notwithstanding her eighty-five years. The groom, Mr. Francis Kelly, does not number more than sixty years.—Longford exchange.

Mr. Michael Furry, of Longford, who has been often arrested for expressing his great satisfaction at the drubbing the heroic Boers are giving John Bull, is once more in trouble. This time his offense is treason of the blackest characters. The "Peelers" caught him in the very act of singing in the public street the historic ballad on Lord Edward Fitzgerald's death. The song commences, "He's dead to-day in Newgate." Of course no loyal policeman could tolerate that, and Michael was arrested, but he does not care a fig for the entire British government.

The funeral of Mrs. Gulnan, Longford, whose death occurred on Feb. 17, took place on Tuesday, after Solemn Office and High Mass were held in the Cathedral. As the cortege approached Arragh, her native place, it was increased by many friends. At the Mass the celebrant was Rev. P. Dolan, administrator.

LOUTH.—The Sisters of Mercy of St. Joseph's Industrial School, Dundalk, have won a silver medal and certificate for its exhibit of gold embroidery on silk at the Women's Exhibition in London.

At the fine old age of 81 years, on Feb. 19, died Mrs. Margaret Mary Kelly, of Rathmullen House, Drogheda. The funeral to Palinstown, Beauparc, was very largely attended. Office and High Mass were held in Donore church for the repose of her soul. The deceased was a member of an old respected family, and mother of Mr. Laurence Thomas Kelly, vice-chairman of the Queen's County Council, and chairman of the Roscrea Rural District Council.

MEATH.—Died, Feb. 15, at Twomile-Borris, Michael Duggan, aged 70 years; interment in Boulick, Gurtinahoe. At Alice Brook, Kilmessan, on Feb. 22, Daniel Gallagher; interment in New cemetery.

Two successful meetings were held in North Meath Feb. 3, for the purpose of establishing branches of the United Irish League. The first was held at Rathkenny and the second at Loxinstown. Both were well attended and were addressed by Mr. Patrick White, M. P., the Parliamentary representative of the division, and Mr. W. D. Harbison. At the Rathkenny meeting Mr. Andrew May presided.

QUEEN'S.—On Feb. 16 died Mrs. Mary Campton of the Abbey, Glonmeena, aged 55 years, deeply regretted. The funeral was very numerously attended.

The marriage of Mr. John Moy, Glebe, Clonsilla, to Miss Burke, Market Square, Maryboro, was solemnized at St. Theresa's Carmelite church, Clarendon street, Dublin, on Feb. 5, Rev. J. Harris, Maryboro, officiating. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. James Burke, Maryboro. The bridesmaids were Miss Moy (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Dottie Kavanagh. After the ceremony, the guests were entertained at the Gresham Hotel.

WESTMEATH.—The funeral of the late Mr. James Doyno, Mullingar, to Coralstown cemetery, on Feb. 21, was very numerously attended. Office and High Mass were held in the Cathedral, at which many priests were present. Deceased was a justice of the peace a town councillor and county councillor.

WEXFORD.—On Feb. 19 took place at St. Mary's church, Newtownbarry, the marriage of Mr. Henry Copeland, Newtownbarry, to Miss Lizzie Sinnott, daughter of Mr. Christopher Sinnott. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Dean Busher. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. R. B. Doyle.

Rev. Father Ignatius Beale, T. O. S. F., delegate of the Bishop of Nottingham, England, assisted by the Rev. Father E. Wilke, M. R. of St. Augustine's; and the Rev. Father A. B. James, held solemn profession ceremonies in St. Clare's Franciscan Convent, Blue Bell Hill, Nottingham. The novice professed was Miss Anastasia Molloy (Sister Mary Anthony), Grange Arthurs-town.

Patrick Murphy, of Kilmuckridge, was drowned Feb. 15, while at sea, coming home from Liverpool, England. He became very seasick when near Skerry Island, went on deck for ease, and was never seen again. He was 34 years of age, and son of Mr. Geo. Murphy, grocer, and wine and spirit merchant, Kilmuckridge and Ballygarrett.

Mr. John Hayes, Mulgannon, was found dying in the porch of his home on Feb. 16; and his death in a few minutes after being discovered caused great regret in the town of Wexford, and in the county. Mr. Hayes was a most popular cattle dealer, and esteemed by all who knew him. In his business transactions his word was as good as a written document. For a short time previous to his death he was somewhat melancholy in tone, but there was no visible reason for the change. This funeral to Droimod cemetery was one of the longest seen

in years. His son, John Hayes, who resided at the Old Pound, Wexford, attended the funeral, though very sick, and his death happened on Thursday following his father's demise. The interment of the son was in Maudlinstown.

WICKLOW.—Died, at Grangecon, Cornelius Foley, Feb. 22, aged 70 years; funeral to Ballinure, Feb. 14, at Straford-on-Slaney, Mrs. Mary Doyle, aged 91 years; interment in family burial ground, Rathbran. Feb. 21, at Laragh, Dr. James Garland; interment at Glendalough.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.—In the Presentation Convent, Cashel, Feb. 16, was professed Sister Mary Anthony, whose name in the world, was Nora Haier, daughter of Mr. Martin Haier, Kibaha. A melancholy accident which caused the death of Patrick Casey, Loughbourke, Kilmaley, occurred on Feb. 16. Mr. Casey, with a sister and some friends, were returning from Ennis, when at a cross beyond the Drombigle waterworks reservoir, portion of the harness gave way, and the car was tilted up, flinging the occupants on the road. The car was of the type known as "common car," passed over Casey, but he resumed his seat on the vehicle, and walked through the forest to his home. During the night he complained, and died about 5 o'clock A. M. An inquest was held by Mr. F. F. Cullinan, solicitor, Coroner, when a verdict of accidental death was found. It transpired that all the ribs on one side of the poor young man had been broken, and he must have been possessed of wonderful strength to have borne his sufferings as he did. The funeral on Tuesday was one of immense proportions.

CORK.—Sister Mary O'Leary, of the Order of Saint John of God, died recently in Castlemore, aged 28 years. She was a member of the convent in the city of Kilkenny. Deceased religious was a native of Clonakilly. The members of the Passage Young Ireland Society on Feb. 15 held a meeting to make a presentation to Mr. P. Murphy on the occasion of his marriage. Mr. O'Moynihan presided. The first toast of the evening, "Ireland a Nation," having been drunk, the chairman, in making the presentation, which took the form of a massive marble timepiece, referred to their guest's honorable connection with every national movement in the town, and his great services to the Young Ireland Society since its inauguration. Mr. Murphy having replied, songs, recitations and speeches were contributed by Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Healy, O'Connor, McDonnell, Curtin, Coveney, Murphy, Creedon, etc. Mr. J. Healy presided at the piano.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. O'CONNELL.—At Knockalohert, Castlemore, on Feb. 22, Mary O'Connell. HUMPHRIES.—On Feb. 22, in London, Florence Humphries, aged 19 years, of Pope's Hill House, Cork. EEDY.—On Feb. 21, Samuel Eedy, Leap, aged 78 years. COTTER.—At 8 Nicholas street, Cork, Kate Cotter of Inchinacree. MURPHY.—On Feb. 19, at Ivy Villa, Macroom, Kate C. Murphy. RYAN.—On Ash Wednesday, at 55 North Main street, Margaret Ryan. TWOMEY.—Feb. 21, at Fermoy, Banteer, Maggie Twomey. LEHANE.—On Feb. 7, at Lettrim Middle, Newtownsandes, Maria Lehane, aged 52 years, sister of Mrs. Burke, National Bank, Kilmoglin, and cousin of the Right Rev. Dr. Fitzmaurice, Bishop of Erie, Pennsylvania, America; Rev. James Fitzmaurice, Rev. Edmund Fitzmaurice, Philadelphia. MURPHY.—At Kanturk, on Feb. 20, Hannah Murphy, of Dromiskessa. CAHALAN.—On Feb. 17, Bernard Cahalan, of 15 Summerhill South. MURPHY.—Feb. 16, at Western Star Western road, Paul Murphy. HOLLAND.—On Feb. 17, at Glauin, Dunmanway, Catherine Holland, at an advanced age. RIORDAN.—On Feb. 18, Cornelius Riordan, Bridge, Macroom, aged 47 years. RYAN.—On Ash Wednesday, at 55 North Main street, Margaret Ryan. KERRY.—An entertainment in the form of a grand concert was given in aid of the Christian Brothers, Dingle, in their schoolrooms February 8, under the patronage of the Very Rev. Canon O'Leary, Parish Priest. The Kerry County Council, to its great honor, refused emphatically to pass a vote of condolence to the Royal Family on the death of the late "Famine" Queen, Victoria. The death of Mr. Maurice Edward Fitzgerald, of Emlagh, Ventry, happened on February 15, aged fifty-two years, deeply and widely regretted. Interment was in the local cemetery; funeral was very numerously attended.

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ARMAGH.—On Feb. 15 the spacious Town Hall of Keady was filled with an enthusiastic audience, the occasion being the annual concert under the auspices of the Christian Brothers (de la Salle). The chair was occupied by Very Rev. Canon Coyne, Keady.

CAVAN.—Father Charles Benedict O'Gorman, of the Irish Augustinian Fathers, died recently at Croydun Presbytery, Normanton, Queensland, Australia, aged 31 years. He was born in Crosserlough, near the town of Cavan, June 12, 1869. On Nov. 30, 1893, he was ordained in the Augustinian church, John street, Dublin, by Rt. Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, Vicar Apostolic of North Queensland.

An enthusiastic meeting of the members of the Scrabby branch of the United Irish League was held lately, to elect officers for ensuing year. Mr. James Fitzpatrick presided. The attendance was very numerous.

DERRY.—The Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry, in his Lenten Pastoral, said: "The war in South Africa in which torrents of blood have been shed, ultimately concerns us, as so many of our unfortunate countrymen have been and still are engaged in it. From all we read of it in its inception, and in the mode in which it has been conducted, it forcibly reminds us of the wars waged by England in this country. Then, as now, under the specious pretext of introducing civilization, the soldiery shot down unarmed and unoffending men, slaughtered defenseless women and children, burned and ravaged the country, till our island became almost a wilderness. Then did the government favorites get possession of the lands they coveted, for that was the only civilization they aimed at. From all we can learn the war in South Africa is precisely similar, and the conviction forces itself upon us that it is simply a war of greed for gold, a war of love for domination. Let us pray for the souls of the Irish Catholic soldiers who fell on the battle field."

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.—The remains of an American, who died in the Eglinton and Wilton Hotel, Belfast, lately, were removed to the Morgue awaiting identification. The police have been doing their utmost to find a clue to the identity of the man, but without success. Deceased, whose name is stated to be Brady, appears to have come to Belfast from America. A newspaper dated New York, Jan. 22, was found in one of his pockets.

The funeral of Mr. John Byrne, Tannaghmore, took place recently to St. Congall's Cemetery, Antrim. Prior to going to Antrim, the remains were taken into the neat little church of Tannaghmore, where the Rev. T. O'Donnell, the respected parish priest, preached a highly instructive and touching sermon on "Death," afterwards paying a high tribute to the many good qualities of the deceased, particularly his charity.

Father McClement died suddenly at Penarth, near Cardiff, Wales, Feb. 5. Father William Joseph McClement was born in Ireland on March 19, 1845, and was nearly 58 years old when he was called away. His birthplace was Carrickfergus, diocese of Down and Connor—the fortress town of the ancient Kings of Ulster, on the shores of Belfast Lough. It was the country of St. Malachy—and Father McClement received his early education in the seminary dedicated to that saint in the city of Belfast. He made his divinity course at the missionary college of All Hallows, Dublin. Whilst a student there, he was incorporated by the late Bishop Brown in the diocese of Newport and Minevia, and received the order of priesthood on June 11, 1867, being a little over 24 years of age. His first appointment was to Swaneau, where he became assistant to Father (now Mgr.) Lewis. In the summer of 1870 he was placed in charge of the mission of Aberavon with Neath, where he labored for over fifteen years.

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ARMAGH.—On Feb. 15 the spacious Town Hall of Keady was filled with an enthusiastic audience, the occasion being the annual concert under the auspices of the Christian Brothers (de la Salle). The chair was occupied by Very Rev. Canon Coyne, Keady.

CAVAN.—Father Charles Benedict O'Gorman, of the Irish Augustinian Fathers, died recently at Croydun Presbytery, Normanton, Queensland, Australia, aged 31 years. He was born in Crosserlough, near the town of Cavan, June 12, 1869. On Nov. 30, 1893, he was ordained in the Augustinian church, John street, Dublin, by Rt. Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, Vicar Apostolic of North Queensland.

An enthusiastic meeting of the members of the Scrabby branch of the United Irish League was held lately, to elect officers for ensuing year. Mr. James Fitzpatrick presided. The attendance was very numerous.

DERRY.—The Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry, in his Lenten Pastoral, said: "The war in South Africa in which torrents of blood have been shed, ultimately concerns us, as so many of our unfortunate countrymen have been and still are engaged in it. From all we read of it in its inception, and in the mode in which it has been conducted, it forcibly reminds us of the wars waged by England in this country. Then, as now, under the specious pretext of introducing civilization, the soldiery shot down unarmed and unoffending men, slaughtered defenseless women and children, burned and ravaged the country, till our island became almost a wilderness. Then did the government favorites get possession of the lands they coveted, for that was the only civilization they aimed at. From all we can learn the war in South Africa is precisely similar, and the conviction forces itself upon us that it is simply a war of greed for gold, a war of love for domination. Let us pray for the souls of the Irish Catholic soldiers who fell on the battle field."

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ANTRIM.—The remains of an American, who died in the Eglinton and Wilton Hotel, Belfast, lately, were removed to the Morgue awaiting identification. The police have been doing their utmost to find a clue to the identity of the man, but without success. Deceased, whose name is stated to be Brady, appears to have come to Belfast from America. A newspaper dated New York, Jan. 22, was found in one of his pockets.

The funeral of Mr. John Byrne, Tannaghmore, took place recently to St. Congall's Cemetery, Antrim. Prior to going to Antrim, the remains were taken into the neat little church of Tannaghmore, where the Rev. T. O'Donnell, the respected parish priest, preached a highly instructive and touching sermon on "Death," afterwards paying a high tribute to the many good qualities of the deceased, particularly his charity.

Father McClement died suddenly at Penarth, near Cardiff, Wales, Feb. 5. Father William Joseph McClement was born in Ireland on March 19, 1845, and was nearly 58 years old when he was called away. His birthplace was Carrickfergus, diocese of Down and Connor—the fortress town of the ancient Kings of Ulster, on the shores of Belfast Lough. It was the country of St. Malachy—and Father McClement received his early education in the seminary dedicated to that saint in the city of Belfast. He made his divinity course at the missionary college of All Hallows, Dublin. Whilst a student there, he was incorporated by the late Bishop Brown in the diocese of Newport and Minevia, and received the order of priesthood on June 11, 1867, being a little over 24 years of age. His first appointment was to Swaneau, where he became assistant to Father (now Mgr.) Lewis. In the summer of 1870 he was placed in charge of the mission of Aberavon with Neath, where he labored for over fifteen years.

The members of the Clonmel Commercial Football Club assembled Feb. 15 to bid farewell to Mr. T. O'Driscoll

who was going to Boston. Mr. O'Driscoll was presented with a silver watch and chain. The presentation was made by Mr. Drew. The captain, Mr. Smith, testified to the excellent qualities of Mr. O'Driscoll on the football field. Messrs. Deleahunty and Stapleton also did. A large number of the members assembled at the station and Mr. O'Driscoll will long recall the rousing Tipperary cheers which resounded through the station as the train steamed away.

The golden jubilee of Rev. Mother Agnes Ryan, of the Convent Fethard, was lately celebrated. She is a member of the Presentation Order. Most Rev. Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel, made a present of fifty pounds sterling—one for each year of her religious life—to be devoted by her to some charitable or other deserving purpose. Private Masses were celebrated at the convent altars in the morning, and the interesting ceremony took place at 1.30. The officiating clergyman, Archdeacon Jones, blessed a crown of roses and placed it on the head of the jubilarian, to remind her in the words of the prayers, of the Divine tenderness and glory her fidelity had earned. He also blessed a staff bedecked with flowers and mounted with the symbol of Salvation, which had been her "heavenly sweetness, her strength of mind, and joy of spirit," and now would be "her support in age and her help to arrive at the land of Eternal Promise." The prayers of this solemn rite, phrased from the Old Testament, are beautiful, and the psalms chanted during the ceremony are most appropriate and full of thrilling references to the soul-stirring truths that underlie the religious ceremony of a Golden Jubilee.

The death of Mr. James Lonergan, aged 32 years, occurred on Jan. 23, at his home, Nedrus Nangle, Ardinnan. He was about his business, and in usual health on the 21st, but the following morning complained of feeling unwell, and before the close of the next day death came. Requiem Office and High Mass were offered up for the repose of his soul. Celebrant, Rev. Thomas Moran, Ardinnan; deacon, Rev. Father Kirwan, Ballyporeen; sub-deacon, Rev. W. Nagle, Cloghen.

WATERFORD.—At a meeting of the County Council of Waterford, held in Dungarvan on Feb. 18, on the motion of Mr. Patrick F. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Hayes, the insulting references to the Catholic faith in the Coronation Oath were condemned. The resolution was passed unanimously, and copies were forwarded to King Edward VII., Lord Salisbury, and the Chief Secretary for Ireland.