

Irish News.

(From Contemporaries.)

ANTRIM.—A Shipbuilding Achievement.—Harland and Wolff launched from the northern end of the Queen's Island recently the twin-screw steamer *Pennsylvania*, built for the Hamburg-American Steamship Company. The vessel is the largest ever built by Harland and Wolff, and a source of gratification to the people of Ireland that the Hamburg-American Company should have considered it to their interest to place so large an order in Belfast and not in Germany. The machinery for the steamer is being constructed by Harland and Wolff, and is specially designed to avoid all vibration by the adoption of four cylinders and a special arrangement of the cranks, in the merits of which the builders have such confidence that they are at present engaged in the construction of several sets of machinery on the same principle.

CORK.—Revival of the Irish Tongue.—The committee intrusted with organising the district of Macroom in the interest of a revival of the Irish language fixed a day for a great public meeting in Macroom. The deputation appointed to wait on Very Rev. Canon Murphy was received most kindly. The committee, in view of the fact that Canon Murphy is a great Irish scholar, has reason for congratulation on the influence his presence at the meeting will give. He has given the use of the schools for the Irish classes, which Messrs Scannell, O'Shea, O'Mahony and others will instruct gratuitously. An interesting feature in connection with the anxiety to learn the mother tongue was mentioned at the last meeting of the committee by Mr. O'Mahony, the honorary secretary. Many young ladies are very desirous of learning the language, and have expressed their determination to master it. Arrangements have been made for the formation of classes for men and boys, and in a short time these classes will be in full swing. Father Peter O'Leary, Castletyons, has written a most encouraging letter to the secretary, and expresses the greatest pleasure at the work on hand. Father O'Leary is one of the Irish scholars of the present day, and his encouragement and advice is beyond price. Mr. M. O'Shea, N.T., Carriganima, has promised that a big contingent from Clondrohid will attend the meeting, and steps are being taken by all the national teachers around to organise their districts for the meeting, each teacher, as Mr. O'Shea put it, "making a recruiting sergeant of himself." The Macroom Railway Company will be asked to give an excursion at reduced fares and everything point to a most successful meeting.

The Feast of St. Finbar.—The celebration of St. Finbar's Feast was carried out in Cork with much solemnity. The church dedicated to the saint was visited by large numbers. Solemn High Mass commenced at 12 on Sunday. Father O'Keefe was celebrant; Father Daly, deacon; Father Fahy, sub-deacon; and Father Reed, master of ceremonies. In the choir were the Right Rev. Mgr. Maguire, P.P., Father O'Shea and Father Fidelis, O.S.F.C. The Feast concluded on Tuesday. At Gougane Barra there was a large number of visitors. Father O'Callaghan, C.C., Mallow, who has just returned from Ivrea, celebrated High Mass. Rev. P. Harley, P.P., Inchgolcah, Very Rev. Father Bernard, O.S.F.C., Father Corcoran, and Father Burt were also present. After Mass a relic of Blessed Thaddeus McCarthy, who was a successor of St. Finbar's, was exposed for veneration.

DERRY.—The annual excursions of the Temperance League of Ballinderry and the Society of the Apostleship of Prayer, Moneymore and Loop, came off a short time ago. The two parishes had agreed to form one party and visit Cooney Island, a beautiful spot situated in Lough Neagh, near the junction of the Counties Tyrone and Armagh. After assisting at the 8 o'clock Mass the long procession of cars and brakes began to move from Loop, and, winding its way through Ballyroman, reached Ballinderry, where the other part of the excursion joined them. After the usual salutations, the whole excursion, numbering 300, began to move off in the direction of Cooney Island, the Ballinderry Brass Band discoursing sweet music. After passing Arboe and Washingbay they came to Maghera. The stalwart fisherman of Maghera were not long in having the excursionists on the island, and Miss McKinnell, who lives in Lord Charlemont's summer residence on the island, sent the island boat for the priests. Cooney Island is a fairy spot, shaded by tall trees, and containing the ruins of an old castle or monastery which should be interesting to antiquarians. Within the last few years Lord Charlemont, the owner, spent much money in erecting a summer residence there, and a reception hall for visitors. After a few hours pleasantly spent in picnicking and listening to the bands, the party returned home well pleased with Cooney Island and Maghera. They were visited on the island by the Rev. Thomas O'Neill, Loughgall, and Lord Charlemont. Revs. Charles Montague, Ballinderry, and Rev. Alexander McPeake, Loop, gave much assistance in inaugurating the excursion.

DONEGAL.—A Carrick Market for Donegal Tweeds.—The usual monthly market for the sale of the famous "Donegal tweeds" was held in Carrick recently. One hundred and fifty webs were brought to the market, and of these 130 were sold 1s 4d to 1s 11d per yard. For quality and beauty of design the goods were far superior to anything seen at former markets. The pieces remaining un-sold were slightly defective in weaving or colouring, but the great majority of the webs were pronounced by Messrs Magee and Timoney, Donegal—two extensive buyers of long experience—to be the best ever produced by the cottage-workers of South-west Donegal. That a market at Carrick for the sale of these beautiful "homespun" was a long felt want was evident from the large number of producers who patronised it. Formerly the cottage workers of Glencolumbkille and Kilear had to carry their webs to Ardara, twenty miles; but by the establishment of the Carrick market, nine months ago, the people have been saved the double journey of forty miles. As prizes for the best webs of "homespun,"

were given by the Congested Districts Board in Ardara, and as this system could not be extended to Carrick until the market was firmly established, the market in its infancy was competing with Ardara at a disadvantage. Seeing this the local landlords—Messrs. Musgrave, Belfast—came to the rescue. They inaugurated a system of prizes, paying out of their own pocket about £5 monthly, and this has greatly contributed to the success achieved by Carrick market. The prizes have been divided into five classes and in each class they range in value from 10s to 2s 6d. The buyers who attended were Mr. Magee, J.P., Donegal; Mr. Timoney, Donegal; Mr. Cannon, Glenties; Mr. McLoone, Killybegs; Mr. Andrew Heekin, Carrick. It is to be hoped that the Congested Districts Board will soon see its way to extend a helping hand to this market.

DUBLIN.—Irish Workhouse Reform.—At a meeting of those interested in workhouse reform, held in the Ancient Concert Rooms, an association was formed, with its headquarters in Dublin, to promote the improvement of the workhouse system in Ireland, especially as regards the sick, the aged, the children and other helpless classes. The objects of the association are excellent, and meet with the warmest approbation from all who know the glaring defects of the present system. Lord Monteagle, who convened the meeting, received letters expressing approval of the movement from Cardinal Logue, the Archbishop of Cashel, Bishops of Clogher, Waterford, Ossory, Killaloe, Kildare and Leighlin, Down and Connor, Derry, Galway, Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, Ferns, Cloyne, Achonry and Raphoe.

GALWAY.—Restoration of an old Cathedral.—The rector of Cloufert, Rev. Canon McLarny, has taken steps that will lead to the restoration of the Cathedral. The Cathedral was founded by St. Brendan in 538, thirty-nine years before St. Augustine landed in England, and long before many of the ancient cathedrals of the present day. Cloufert is one of the smallest cathedrals in the kingdom, and is celebrated for its magnificent twelfth century doorway—one of the finest specimens of Hiberno-Romanesque work in existence. It is also remarkable for its chancel window—nearly a thousand years old—which is similar in design to that of the Temple Righ at Clonmacnoise. The architect engaged is Mr. Fuller of Dublin, the estimated cost being £1,500 and the subscriptions received or promised up to the present amount to £384 10s 3d.

KERRY.—A record "take" of Mackerel.—The "take" of mackerel in a recent week in Dingle amounted to 800,000 for four days and prices ranged from 3s to 6s per 120. A large shed, held at Ballydavid by Mr. Charles Petrie of Liverpool, who owns forty-three fishing stations round the coast, is a busy hive of industry. In connection with the curing of the mackerel over 200 hands are employed. The fish taken are a good size, and will bring good prices in the American markets. The above "take" is altogether unprecedented in the history of the fishing industry in Dingle.

KILDARE.—Annual excursion of the Archæological Society.—The annual excursion of the County Kildare Archæological Society took place recently. Members and their friends left Dublin, and were met at Hazlehead by Lord Walter Fitzgerald, several members of the family and a number of friends, including Sir Peter and Lady O'Brien. The day turned out particularly favourable. On arriving at Hazlehead the party proceeded by car to St. Wolstan's, two miles distant, and by permission of Major Claud Cane inspected the ruins. When the first of these ancient historic remains was reached Mr. George Mansfield of Morristown paid a tribute to the memory of the late Father Denis Murphy, S.J., vice-president of the society, who had laboured so long and with invaluable results in the cause which they had so much at heart. Amid a striking scene of reverence a resolution of regret and of condolence with Father Murphy's relatives was passed in silence. The wonderfully interesting ruins of St. Wolstan's were then inspected, and a paper was read by Mr. William Kirkpatrick. Among those who took part in the excursion were Lady Mayo, Lord and Lady Drogheda, Most Rev. Mgr. Denis Garrahan, president Maynooth College; the Right Rev. Dr. O'Dea, vice-president Maynooth College; Mr. Mansfield, Mr. M. J. Synnott, Major and Mrs. Rynd, Mr. J. Lock, Mrs. and Dr. Woodcock, Mr. Supple, R.I.C.; Mr. L. Dunne, Rev. P. O'Leary, Maynooth College; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Green, Mr. and Mrs. Sweetman, Mr. Commissioner Molloy, Mr. and Miss Carroll, Mr. and Mr. Davidson Houston, Mr. C. D. Cooper, Mr. Grove White, solicitor; Miss Margaret Stokes, Mr. W. Mooney, solicitor, Leixlip Castle; Lady Henry Fitzgerald, Lady Eva Fitzgerald, Lady Mabel Fitzgerald, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, Lord George Fitzgerald, Lord Henry Fitzgerald, Lord Walter Fitzgerald, Lord Desmond Fitzgerald, and the Duke of Leinster, etc.

LIMERICK.—Death of the Rev William Hogan, O.S.A.—We regret to announce the sad and unexpected demise of this brilliant member of the Augustinian Order. This sad event occurred on September 27 in the Convent of the Augustinians, Limerick. Father Hogan was barely thirty-three years old, and, during his too brief career as a priest, had earned for himself a high reputation as a pulpit orator. He had given retreats and missions in almost every part of Ireland from Cork to Belfast, and was everywhere held in the highest esteem and reverence. Father Hogan had been ten years ordained. Shortly after his ordination he was sent to the house of his Order in London, where he laboured for over a year, endearing himself to the people of the mission by the kind and fatherly interest he took in all that concerned them. Later on he was stationed in the house of the Order in Limerick, and yet again in New Ross. He collected for two years in America for the Church of St. Patrick, Rome. At the chapter of the Order, held in Dublin last November, Father Hogan was elected one of the six Definitors who act as the advisers of the Provincial. At the same time he was removed from New Ross back to Limerick. It is only a few weeks since he was in London on his annual holiday, full of life, health, and good spirits. Father Hogan was a native of Dublin, and was deeply attached to the place of his birth. His

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