

# Irish News.

(From Contemporaries.)

**CORK.—New Monastery at Kinsale.**—On Tuesday, June 15, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, opened the new monastery for the Presentation Brothers at St. Mary's Mount, Kinsale. The Brothers have had some difficulty in procuring a suitable site for this monastery, but they have at last, through the kindness of Mr. W. Prendergast, Kinsale, purchased a beautiful plot of ground overlooking the Bandon River, on which they have built their monastery. It is now nearly six years since the Brothers settled in the town. The Brothers have left nothing undone to make it equal to similar institutions, but in doing this they have incurred a very heavy debt.

**DONEGAL.—The St. Columba Commemoration at Gartan.**—As mentioned in our issue of last week the thirteenth centenary of the anniversary of St. Columbkille was celebrated on Wednesday, June 9, in the diocese of Euphroe in a manner worthy of the memory of one of Ireland's greatest saints. The celebration was held in the midst of a grand and picturesque mountain scenery. Its programme was not confined to the religious ceremony, but included Irish speech, story and song. The religious ceremony itself was on a grand and impressive scale. It included a High Mass, Benediction, and a *Te Deum* on the mountain slope where the saint was born. There was a sermon in Irish. The proceedings that followed were a great Irish revival. But the programme of events, important as they undoubtedly were, did not so impress the beholder as the religious fervour, one might say the enthusiasm, of the multitude assisting at it. The peasantry for miles around were walking to Gartan all through the night. At day-break there was a very large concourse already assembled. The flagstone which marks the spot where the saint was born, and the ruin hard by of the little church which he founded, were objects of careful and reverent scrutiny. The rising sun was saluted with the prayers of the assembled people invoking the intercession of Columba for themselves, their families and their country. The common form of salutation was *Dia agus, Muir agus, Colum agus*, "God and Mary and Columba be with you." The ceremonies held on the mountain side recalled to many memories of the penal day, when Mass was customary in Ireland on the mountain side, and many of those present contrasting the spectacle where the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice was held in triumph, and with full choral accompaniment, with that presented in the penal times when the people assisted at the Sacrifice under terror of the momentary invasion of the yeomanry. The attendance was an enormous one at the time for the commencement of the sacred ceremonies at Gartan, and at the time the clergy arrived the hills around were quite black with the lines of people converging on the scene. The sacred ceremonies opened in Letterkenny with Mass, celebrated at half-past seven by his Eminence Cardinal Logue. The church was crowded. The choir sang the hymn of St. Columba taken from an old Office of St. Columbkille. Later the procession started from Letterkenny for Gartan. A detour was made so as to take in Temple Douglas, where St. Columbkille was baptized on December 8, A.D. 521, in the doorway in the old church which stands within the church yard there. Gartan was reached at eleven o'clock. A visit was paid to the flagstone which marks the place of the birth of the saint. Here he was born on December 7, 521. After the ceremonies Kilmaceman was visited, where the saint was educated before he went to the schools in Clonard and Glasnevin. The Leannan flows by Kilmacrennan, and Owen Connellan records a beautiful legend that the river got its name, which means "the follower," because in the mind of the people of Gartan the waters followed the saint when he left them for Kilmacrennan. The road to the natal spot leads across the Leannan. Gartan was quickly reached, and the ceremonies commenced shortly after eleven o'clock. High Mass was celebrated in the field close to the spot where the saint was born, and only a short distance from the remains of the ancient church which he founded, the first of the great number that his energy raised up in this country and in Scotland. A temporary altar was erected surmounted by a canopy, and was beautifully decorated with flowers. A large banner with the figure of the Sovereign Pontiff was raised over the canopy. On the reredos was an Irish inscription—*A Coluimille guidh Orann*, "O Columbkille pray for us." The sacred ministers were robed in white vestments. His Eminence Cardinal Logue, robed in cappa magna, and wearing the Cardinal's red hat, presided at the temporary throne. The choir, which sang the music admirably, consisted of the members of the choir of the new Cathedral, Letterkenny, and was conducted by the Rev. J. Sheridan, C.C., Falcarragh. The High Mass was followed by Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament, administered by his Eminence Cardinal Logue. A solemn *Te Deum* was then sung. Besides Cardinal Logue, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, was also present, as well as a large number of clergy. The sermon, in Gaelic, was preached by the Very Rev. A. McNeil, P.P., Termon.

**DOWN.—St. Columba Celebration in Holywood.**—On Thursday, June 17, the impressive ceremonies in honour of the thirteenth centenary of the death of Saint Columbkille took place at Holywood, a picture-quely situated town on the shores of Belfast Lough. The parish priest of the place is the Very Rev. James O'Laverty, P.P., M.R.I.A., author of the luminous history of the diocese of Down and Connor, and a distinguished antiquary. The church, which is a magnificent edifice built at great cost, is dedicated to St. Columbkille. The panegyric of the saint was preached by the Very Rev. Edward O'Laverty, C.S.S.R., Rector, Dundalk. After the Mass the following letter from the Right Rev. Monsignor Kelly, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, was read by the Very Rev. Edward O'Laverty, C.S.S.R.:—*Collegio Irlandese, Roma, 3rd June, 1897. The Very Rev. James O'Laverty, P.P., Holywood, County Down, Ireland.*—Very Rev. and Dear Father—

The Holy Father has been pleased to authorise me to transmit his congratulation to yourself and parishioners upon the success which Divine Providence through the intercession of St. Columbkille granted to your most arduous and most commendable undertaking of building, furnishing, and endowing a parochial church in Holywood. His Holiness desires that the preachers and also the Catholic newspapers would proclaim the great merits of our forefathers in the Christian faith, and finally the Apostolic Benediction is cordially imparted to yourself, to your parishioners, and to all who assisted in the good work of building and endowing the church. My dear Father O'Laverty, your humble servant in Christ, MICHAEL KELLY." Afterwards the Blessed Sacrament was borne in procession through the church grounds, the children of the boys' schools walking in surplice and soutane and the pupils of the girls' schools in white costumes and wearing veils and wreaths.

**DUBLIN.—Board of Works Cabinet-Making Contract: The English Order Cancelled.**—The *Evening Telegraph* of Saturday, June 12, says:—Many persons have been interested and not a little puzzled by an advertisement which appeared in Thursday's Dublin papers calling for new tenders for the supply of office furniture, for a period of three years, to the several public buildings in charge of the Commissioners of Public Works. In view of the fact that it was announced that this contract was given last November for a term of some years to a Bristol firm this advertisement for new tenders seems very unusual. It is explained, however, we believe, by the fact that the Bristol contract has been broken, and in all probability the fresh tenders will now be confined to Dublin. This result is chiefly due to the exertions of Mr. John Dillon, M.P., who has been pressing Mr. Hanbury very hard upon the subject, and who insisted on the whole correspondence with regard to the contract, as well as the contract itself, being produced for inspection. No doubt when Parliament re-assembles we shall have some interesting light thrown on the matter, consequent on the intervention of Mr. Dillon. It is to be hoped that the authorities of the Board of Works will profit by this lesson, and that we shall hear no more attempts to send work out of the country, which, according to the tenour of the Parliamentary regulations, should be done here by Irish workmen at fair wages. Dublin furniture manufacturers and their workmen are to be congratulated upon this remarkable collapse of an attempt to transfer elsewhere work that they have so long enjoyed and executed so creditably.

**Philanthropic Reform Association.**—The first annual meeting in connection with the Philanthropic Reform Association was held a short time ago in the Central Lecture Hall, Westmoreland street, Dublin. Dr. J. E. Kenny presided, and there was a fairly large attendance. The hon. secretary, Mr. C. Eason, junr., submitted the annual report. The chairman referred to the work done by the association as mentioned in the report. He said that a large amount of attention had been given, among other important matters, to the administration of the poor laws and to the nursing arrangements in union hospitals. If their association did nothing else but improve the condition of the nursing in those institutions they would perform a highly-important and good work. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. H. J. Allen, seconded by Mr. Charles Dawson. Mr. T. W. Russell, in the course of an address, observed that something had been said about nursing in their poor law infirmaries. He thought that nameless horrors were suffered by the sick poor, not from any ill-intention on the part of the guardians, but because guardians in the country parts of Ireland and England could not rise beyond their environment (hear, hear). If you talked about a trained nurse to a guardian in a country part of Ireland he would think, even though he might not say it, that he had not a trained nurse at home, and that the pauper could do without one. Although he could hardly say it here, because the order had not yet been issued, undouctedly before many months were over a system would be in operation in England which would have the effect of removing the last grievance in this matter (hear, hear). Public opinion should be quickened and stung on this question. With wider information as to the facts and the needs of the situation, a Bill would probably be carried that would do the work that the Government and this association intended to do sooner and better than the Bill that had been introduced and withdrawn.

**GALWAY.—Aid for the Evicted Tenants.**—A meeting was held in Ballina-Loe, on May 3, to arrange for a collection for the Evicted Tenants' Fund. Father Heenan, president of St. Michael's Seminary, occupied the chair, and among those present were Father Nohilly and the leading representatives of all sections of Nationalists in the town. Subscriptions to the amount of £25 were received, and collectors appointed to wait on the people at their homes. The priests, after paying a subscription of £1 each, volunteered to go themselves with the collectors.

**KING'S COUNTY.—Poor Law Contest in King's County: A Signal Nationalist Victory.**—At the meeting of the Board of Guardians, on June 12, the clerk stated that Mr. John Kilmartin, of Ballinacloghan, had been elected poor law guardian for the Frankfort electoral division in the room of the late Mr. James E. Gamble. The voting was as under—

Kilmartin (Nationalist)	...	...	109
Jackson (Tory)	...	...	49
Majority	...	...	60

The defeated candidate (Mr. Francis Jackson of Longford House) has been a member of the Board for many years. He belongs to an influential and personally a most popular connection. But for very cogent reasons he was opposed on purely political grounds, and as a protest against the cruelty of the landlord party in this part of the country since the new Land Act came into operation. The victory was greater than the Nationalists expected.

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