

Irish News.

CARLOW.—A Work of Art.—The new pulpit which is being erected in the Carlow Cathedral as a memorial to the late Most Rev. Dr. Comerford, Coadjutor Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, will when completed be a monumental work of which the town may feel proud. It has been executed in rose cushion oak of the finest colour and quality, being designed in accordance with the architectural features of the Cathedral, which are those of the fifteenth century, commonly called the Tudor period.

CLARE.—Attempted Proselytising in Kilrush.—Great indignation prevails in Kilrush in connection with alleged attempts at proselytising. The Catholic people of Kilrush have at all times extended the utmost toleration and goodwill to those who are not of their religious belief, and it is a matter of regret that frequent attempts have been made for the past couple of years to change the good feeling hitherto existing among all classes. The Very Rev. Dr. Malone, P.P., V.G., Kilrush, has warned the congregation from the altar against the methods used to lead astray the children of Catholic parents. In justice it must be stated that this offensive business of proselytising is condemned as much by respectable Protestants as by Catholics.

CORK.—Priests Appointed Canons.—The following priests of the diocese of Cork have been appointed Canons by his Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan. Rev. Jeremiah Carey, P.P., Carrigaline; Rev. John Lyons, P.P., Monkstown; Rev. Denis McCarthy, P.P., Ballincollig; and Rev. Daniel McNamara, P.P., Glounthaune.

DUBLIN.—A House with Historic Associations.—Morrison's Hotel, at the corner of Nassau street, Dublin, which is now in the market for sale (says an exchange) is a hostelry full of historic associations. It was formerly one of the town residences of the Dukes of Leinster, and the arms of the Fitzgeralds are placed immediately over the principal entrance. It was in Morrison's Hotel that the duel between Daniel O'Connell and D'Esterre—which terminated fatally for D'Esterre, and cast a cloud over O'Connell's life—was arranged; while in later times Morrison's Hotel was the scene of the arrest of Mr. Parnell on October 13, 1881, as a 'suspect' under the Crimes Act.

KERRY.—Terrific Thunderstorm.—A terrific thunderstorm was experienced in Tralee district on July 20, with vivid flashes of forked lightning and deafening peals of thunder. It lasted over an hour. Buildings vibrated, and trees were struck down by the current. There were several miraculous escapes. Edward Morris, bridewell keeper, aged eighty, was standing at the door when the first terrific thunderclap broke over the place. He fell, was removed unconscious, and expired in a few minutes. Dogs went mad and had to be shot.

LIMERICK.—Death of the Protestant Bishop.—By the death of Dr. Graves, Protestant Bishop of Limerick (says the Dublin correspondent of the *Weekly Register*), at the advanced age of over eighty years, the Protestant Church in Ireland loses one of its most able, cultured, and liberal-minded prelates. His death severs one of the last links that connect the disestablished with the formerly established Protestant Church in Ireland. The grief felt by the Protestant community for the death of Dr. Graves is shared by his Catholic fellow-countrymen. He was essentially an Irishman of the best type, and a devoted lover of his country. As President for many years of the Royal Irish Academy he did wonderful work for the cultivation of Irish art and music. It is significant of the kindly and tolerant atmosphere that pervaded his home, that the most truthful and charming picture of an Irish priest presented to the world in the deservedly famous ballad 'Father O'Flynn,' was the work of a young Protestant gentleman, then scarcely out of his teens, the son of the late lamented Protestant Bishop of Limerick. Among those present at the funeral were the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, and the Rev. Fathers Griffin and Murphy.

MONAGHAN.—A Centenarian Returns to her Native Land.—The London *Morning Leader's* New York correspondent, writing on July 23, says:—New York lost a social landmark and popular centenarian when Alice McMahon, aged 105, yesterday sailed in the Umbria for Monaghan, Ireland. On her coming to America 75 years ago she was twice shipwrecked. New York was then a comparatively small place. She opened a prosperous dress-making business, and afterwards went as housekeeper to the famous Livingstone family. The Livingstones grew very fond of her, and to content her they actually built her a special Catholic church.

She said to me yesterday, 'I am 18 in feelings and want to spend my old age in the old country.' She attributed her longevity and sprightliness to her religion and frugality. She had a grand send-off at the dock.

WICKLOW.—A Monument to Billy Byrne.—The Lord Mayor of Dublin, on July 22, laid in the Market Square, Wicklow, the foundation stone of a monument to Billy Byrne, of Ballymanus, and the Wicklow heroes of '98. Wicklow has never within the present century witnessed such a vast demonstration. Dr. Byrne, the chairman of the Wicklow Urban Council, who was attended by the mace-bearer with the mace of James II.'s time, met and welcomed his Lordship and the members of the Dublin Corporation who accompanied him. About two o'clock the huge aggregation of people was formed into something like a procession. The foundation stone of granite, mined from the property of Billy Byrne at Ballymanus, was borne on a lorry. The Lord Mayor's state carriage, in which rode the mace-bearer, Mr. Barlow, and the sword-bearer, Mr. Egan, held the next place in the procession, followed by the carriage in which his Lordship sat in his robes of state. The members of the Dublin Corporation, most of whom wore their robes, came in the succeeding carriages, and in one of the carriages was Mr. James Stephens. There was a large number of bands from Dublin and Wicklow. It was almost four o'clock before the laying of the foundation of the memorial took place in the Market Square. This was performed by the Lord Mayor, assisted by Councillor Cox.

WATERFORD.—The County Council Seal.—The seal of the Waterford County Council is an artistic and unique production. It has been designed and executed under instructions from Mr. Thomas Power, J.P., first Chairman of the Council, by the well-known Mr. Beary. Mr. Beary has done his work in a very able manner. The famous Round Tower of Ardmore stands prominently in the centre of an oval. There are the Harp and Wolf Dog, and in close proximity a view of the sculptured west gable of the ancient Church of St. Declan. Surrounding all is the inscription in the Irish language:—'County Council of Waterford: For the glory of God and the benefit of the neighbour.' In the course of an admirable and patriotic address delivered at a recent meeting of the County Council, the chairman pointed out how appropriate it was that the inscription should be in the Irish language. He incidentally mentioned that his grandfather was the last to catechise and lecture in the Irish language in their magnificent church at Dungarvan. The County Waterford was one of the principal Irish speaking centres in the country. They had in Waterford over 30,000 speaking that language, and his countymen were proud of the fact that two priests from their own district—the Rev. Dr. Hickey and the Rev. Dr. Hennebery—held respectively the much-coveted position of Professors of Irish in the famous College of Maynooth, and in the great University of Washington. The leading papers in the country write eulogistically of the actions of the Council in unanimously adopting the seal. It proves that the members of the Council were inspired with Irish and National sentiments, and that the Irish inscription will stand as an emblem for all future time that the first County Council of Waterford were as determined as the savants of Europe to revive and keep fresh the treasures and the beauties of the ancient Irish tongue. [The Chairman of the Waterford County Council is a brother of the Very Rev. Father Power, Hawera, New Zealand, Ed. N.Z.T.]

The Late Father Barron.—The late Very Rev. Father Barron, Administrator of St. John's, Waterford, whose death we reported in our last issue, was one of the most popular priests in the diocese. A sister of his—Mother Mary Paul—is a nun in the Brigantine Convent, Warat, Victoria.

GENERAL.

Distinguished Ecclesiastical Visitors.—There were a number of distinguished ecclesiastical visitors in Ireland during July. The silver-tongued orator, Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, was amidst the people of his native Tipperary; Archbishop Hennessy, of Dubuque, had returned for a while to his own county of Limerick, and Archbishop Flood, O.P., of Trinidad, who is so well remembered and such a favourite in Ireland, was stopping at the Dominican Convent, Dominick street, Dublin.

Irish Coal.—Writing on the subject of 'Irish coal,' the *St. James's Budget* says:—It may come as a mild surprise to the reader to learn that within a three hours' journey of Dublin Irish collieries producing some 80,000 tons a year are to be found in active operation, or at any rate in as actual operation as can be expected from pits which are an hour's drive from the nearest railway station. There are two companies whose lines practically enclose the coalfield, but neither of them seem disposed to 'plunge'

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