

## Irish News

### ANTRIM.—Fatal Accident.

Professor Thomas Gilligan, of St. Malachy's College, Belfast, died at Bangor, County Down, from injuries sustained while cycling to Belfast.

### DONEGAL.—Granite Quarries.

A report on the Donegal granite quarries has just been issued by Mr. S. G. Frazer. Mr. Frazer sets out the conclusions of experts, which go to show that there is an extensive area of about seventy square miles, which will afford for all time an inexhaustible supply of the finest material; almost every type of granite, both as regards color and texture, is available. Material for every class of work can be easily and cheaply procured within the area specified. The durability and soundness of the rock have stood thorough tests, and for polished work it has been found quite equal to the best Aberdeen or Peterhead stone. The facilities for quarrying leave nothing to be desired, and there is abundant local labor. On all sides the brightness, handiness, and eagerness for work of the Donegal peasants are admitted. Here, it is pointed out, is a capital opportunity to develop a great industry, and Mr. Frazer estimates the possible income at £44,000, which would give a margin of profit of £22,000. Mr. P. Brannon, a practical engineer, has pronounced the Donegal granites the most enduring known.

### DOWN.—A Presentation.

The friends of Father O'Hare, from Derrymacash, Lurgan, and Portadown, presented him with a very substantial testimonial on the occasion of his departure for America to collect funds for the renovation of Newry Cathedral. Father O'Hare has labored with energy, zeal, and ability for ten years in the parish of Seagoe. He has delivered many interesting, able, and eloquent lectures on National and kindred subjects in Belfast and other centres. His numerous friends much regret his departure, since his absence creates a void which cannot be filled up.

### DUBLIN.—Death of a Composer.

The death is announced of the well known Irish composer, Mr. Richard Frederick Harvey, who has just passed away at a ripe old age at his residence, Merrion row. Mr. Harvey, who was the organist of a city church for many years, was well known as the composer of the popular song, still in vogue, 'Ireland's hearts and hands.' He was also the composer of several other successful songs, and wrote some fantasias which were played all over the world. He was a friend of Sir Henry Irving and several other leading artists. He married a daughter of Colonel Hyde Parker Laurence.

### The Anti-Emigration Society.

A conference on the Irish emigration question was held under the auspices of the Anti-Emigration Society in the Mansion House on November 1. The Lord Mayor presided at the meeting, which was fairly well attended. Very able papers dealing with the subject were read by gentlemen who have made a special study of it. Very few practical suggestions, however, were offered. Emigration continues, and everyone knows already what a misfortune it is. Much stress was laid on the prepaid passage ticket, which it was stated by Blather Clancy, P.P., was accountable for at least 90 per cent. of all cases of emigration. This seems strange in view of the fact that those who send the tickets to their relatives know what they are leaving and what they are going to. The Rev. T. C. Connolly, Manorhamilton, advocated the founding of industries as a remedy for excessive emigration. He also insisted on the far-reaching importance of supporting Irish manufactures. Until the industries are founded and grazing ranches broken up and divided among the people, emigration will unfortunately continue.

### FERMANAGH.—Legal Action Discontinued.

Lord de Freyne's solicitors have given notice to discontinue the actions against the United Irish League and the 'Freeman's Journal.'

### KERRY.—Bishop Mangan in Listowel.

During his visit to Listowel Dr. Mangan met with a genuine cordial welcome from the people of his native parish. Popular rejoicing was evident on every side, and his Lordship must have been highly pleased with the reception accorded him. Addresses were presented to the Bishop by the Urban Council and by the staff of St. Michael's College. Replying to the former, he said the history of North Kerry was one of which any Irishman might well feel proud. The Kerry election of 1872 was the turning point in the history of Ireland. There were many amongst them who were old enough to

remember those magnificent Irishmen, those splendid specimens of the Irish priesthood, Father Murty O'Connor, of Ballybunion, and Father O'Sullivan, of Ballylongford. He sat at their feet and drank in inspiration from their lips, and he was filled with the high ideals of patriotism to which they had devoted a large portion of their lives, and when his lot was cast amongst the poor and the oppressed, he would be less than a man if he did not raise his voice and denounce the oppression. He also dealt with the education question, and warned the Government against attempting to divorce religion from education.

### KILKENNY.—The Freedom of the City.

On October 31 Mr. John O'Callaghan, of Boston, General Secretary of the United Irish League of America, was presented with the freedom of the city of Kilkenny. Mr. O'Callaghan, who was accompanied by Mr. P. O'Brien, M.P., delivered an interesting address.

### Successful Students.

Amongst the candidates on whom the B.A. degree in mental and moral science was conferred at the Royal University, Dublin, were five students of the Franciscan Capuchin Order from the Friary, Kilkenny. The names of the graduates are Brother Columba Murphy, Brother Berchmans Cantillon, Brother Gregory Brennan, Brother Edward Walsh, and Brother Brendan O'Callaghan.

### GENERAL

#### The Rancor of Monopolists.

Sir Antony MacDonnell (says 'Truth') is not the first official in high place in Ireland who has fallen foul of the Ascendancy party through applying reason and common sense to Irish affairs. Let it be granted that all King Edward's subjects in Ireland have equal rights as subjects, that every Irishman, like every Briton, is entitled to hold whatever religious belief he chooses to adopt, it necessarily follows that the State should show to every man of every creed the same fair field and no favor. Sir Antony MacDonnell's advocacy of absolute equality for all creeds in Ireland, strictly in line with the policy of the disestablishment of the Irish Protestant Church, has brought on him the rancor of the monopolists, who, notwithstanding disestablishment, still managed to maintain an ascendancy over the majority of their countrymen. As a matter of fact Ireland has no State Church; all Churches in the country are legally on an equality; the Archbishops and Bishops of the Catholic and Protestant Churches take precedence amongst each other according to seniority of appointment. During Lord Plunket's lifetime the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin took precedence of the Catholic; now Archbishop Walsh, being the senior, precedes the Protestant Archbishop Peacocke.

#### The Favored Minority.

The Rev. Dr. Hogan, of Maynooth, writes a letter to the 'Spectator' which ought to carry conviction to the minds of all who wish to know the true facts regarding the relations that exist between Catholics in Ireland and the State. Dr. Hogan deals with the statements of Professor Dowden, whose recently published article serves up for the perusal of British readers the usual class of sensational stories regarding the politico-religious situation in Ireland. In refuting the Professor's charges Father Hogan gives figures to show that from the highest official appointment down to the lowest in connection with the Irish Government and its administration Catholics are systematically excluded. Here are a few specimens of them:—Lord Lieutenant and his Household—Protestants, £36,230; Catholics, £650. Chief Secretary's Office—Protestants, £14,200; Catholics, £2,920. Judges of the High Court—Protestants, £51,692 6s; Catholics, £13,112 8s 8d. Law Officers of the Crown—Protestants, £9050; Catholics, nil. Recorders and County Court Judges—Protestants, £21,500; Catholics, £10,000. Resident Magistrates—Protestants (49), £29,400; Catholics (19), £11,400. County Inspectors of Police—Protestants (33), £14,850; Catholics (4), £1800. District Inspectors of Police—Protestants, £29,876; Catholics, £11,640.

#### Royal University Honors.

The brilliant achievements of Catholic students, as shown by the honor lists of the Royal University for the past academical year (writes a Dublin correspondent), emphasise once again the galling injustice inflicted upon the great majority of Irishmen in the matter of higher education. Debarred from the advantages of a university which they could conscientiously attend, they have to rely on unendowed colleges conducted in accordance with the tenets of their Faith. Thus handicapped in competition with their highly-favored Protestant fellow-countrymen, they have by their natural ability and perseverance far more than held their own, and have again shown clearly that the ancient religion,