

## Irish News

### CARLOW—A Memorial

The Carlow Guardians have decided to erect a memorial in the Workhouse to the memory of the late Sister Gabriel, whose zeal on behalf of the inmates earned the approbation of all creeds and classes.

### CLARE—A Prolific Writer

The Ven. Archdeacon Malone, V.G., M.R.I.A., of St. Senanus's, Kilrush, who has just published a pamphlet entitled 'Irish Schools and their Managership,' has made several valuable contributions to Irish history. Among his works are 'Birthplace of St. Patrick,' 'Chapters towards the Life of St. Patrick,' 'Adrian IV. and Ireland,' 'Life of St. Flannan (Killaloe),' a translation from a twelfth century Latin work. But his principal book is 'Church History of Ireland,' in two volumes, which first appeared in 1863, and has run into several editions. The last edition was brought out in 1880. Besides his writings in book form, Archdeacon Malone has contributed articles on various subjects to the 'Hibernian Magazine,' 'New Ireland Review,' the 'Dublin Review,' and the 'Irish Ecclesiastical Record.' Dr. Malone, who was born in Ennis, and is in his seventy-ninth year, speaks Irish, having acquired a knowledge of the Irish language in his young days.

### CORK—Death of a Religious

A most esteemed member of the Order of Poor Servants of the Mother of God, Sister Mary Justin Croke, has passed away after a rather protracted illness in the convent at Carrigtwohill, Middleton, and her demise at the early age of twenty-two years, and in the fifth year of her religious life, has occasioned deep sorrow. The deceased Sister, who was a relative of the late Archbishop Croke, was a daughter of Mr. John Croke, of Belfast, and joined the Order at Cork when but seventeen years old, being for the past year in the convent at Carrigtwohill.

### DERRY—Death of a Priest

The Rev. Hugh Lagan, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, San Francisco, died on December 24, 1904, at the Lane Hospital in that city. Father Lagan had been pastor of the Sacred Heart Church for more than five years. Deceased was born at Maghera, County Derry, in 1852, and received his early education in the National schools of his native place, after which he entered Maynooth College, where he was ordained at the age of twenty-three. After a short time in Ireland he went to San Francisco, where he labored zealously until his death.

### DUBLIN—Papal Honors

Sir Francis Cruise, M.D., D.L., Dublin, has been created a Knight of St. Gregory in recognition of his labors in connection with the 'Imitation of Christ,' upon which he is one of the greatest living authorities.

### Public Hall Wanted

In a letter to the Lord Mayor promising £500 towards the proposed National Exhibition, His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin says he is much mistaken if the project now set on foot—in addition to achieving its main object in the development of Irish manufactures—does not furthermore make a notable contribution of permanent value to the development of art as well as of industry in the city. It will do this if it provides the citizens with a public hall, in which a great organ can be erected, and in which they can have opportunity of receiving a musical education in the best of all ways, that is, by hearing good music well performed by competent soloists, vocal and instrumental, and by a well-trained choir and orchestra, in a hall worthy of the capital of Ireland.

### The Christian Brothers' Novitiate.

The 'Southern Cross,' Buenos Aires, reports the arrival in the Argentine of the Rev. Brother T. R. Hughes, for the purpose of collecting funds for the new Novitiate and Training College in Clontarf, Dublin. Brother Hughes, who has been 49 years in the Order, 34 of which were spent in educational work in Australia, had with him letters of recommendation from the Archbishop of Melbourne, Archbishop Kelly, and other members of the Australian Hierarchy; and from the Archbishop of Cashel. He also had letters of high recommendation from the Gaelic League of California and Dr. Douglas Hyde. We quote from Dr. Hyde's letter: 'For the great national cause of the language of Ireland you have also, in my opinion, done more than any other teaching body in the country, and I am con-

fidant that you will do still more in the future.' Rev. Brother Hughes had a long interview with Monsignor Terrero, of La Plata, who kindly gave the good Brother permission to collect for the Centenary Novitiate throughout his extensive diocese. The Bishop expressed a wish that he would soon see a community of the Irish Christian Brothers established in the Argentine, in charge of the Boys' Orphanage.

### Temperance and Hygiene

The proceedings at the annual meeting of the Irish Association for the Prevention of Intemperance, which was held in the Rotunda, Dublin, were characterised by great enthusiasm, notwithstanding the somewhat pessimistic views of some of the speakers. That the cause of temperance has made wonderful progress in Ireland recently is evident to the most casual observer; were it otherwise, after the time and labor expended on it by good and patriotic men of all creeds and classes, we might almost despair. Communications were read from several Bishops, in which the teaching of temperance and hygiene in primary schools was strongly advocated. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea in his letter said that if children could be got to believe and see clearly that intemperance was a degrading vice which robs men of health, happiness, and character it would go far to make them proof against its attacks during life. He would begin with the teachers in the training colleges. If they became apostles and strove to impart their convictions to the pupils, the result would be in the highest degree beneficial.

### The Irish Martyrs

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin has issued a letter in which he announces that the process for the beatification and canonisation of the Irish Martyrs has now entered upon its second stage. The record of the proceedings before the Dublin Diocesan Court, with the accompanying books and documents, have been handed over by his Grace's official representative at Rome to the Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Rites. One statement which his Grace makes will, as he says, be received with universal gratification. It was necessary that some Cardinal in Rome should take special charge of such an important matter as that sent forward to the Holy See, and in this instance his Eminence Cardinal Vannutelli, who was so recently amongst us, has willingly consented to do so. In asking from each parish in the diocese a small contribution towards the expenses of the process, his Grace suggests that in many places the amount needed can best be made up by the offerings of the little children. This would give them a special interest in the work, and would doubtless help to secure their prayers for its success. As those of them who may live to see the day when the great work will at length be brought to a close, when they hear of the splendid ceremonial of the canonisation in St. Peter's, or possibly are present at it, as some amongst them may be, it will be a source of pride to them that in their childhood they were afforded an opportunity of helping in their own small way towards a result that, in its accomplishment, will bring joy to the heart of every Irish Catholic.

### GALWAY—Death of a Patrician Brother

The death is announced of Brother Lynch, of the Patrician Order, Galway. The deceased, who had reached an advanced age, was a distinguished educationist.

### KILKENNY—St. Brigid's Missionary School

From the annual report of St. Brigid's Missionary School, Callan, County Kilkenny, it appears that 336 postulants have gone to various missions from it since the institution was opened by the Sisters of Mercy twenty years ago.

### MEATH—The Hill of Tara

An interesting find has lately been made near the historic Hill of Tara, where the Kings of Ireland used to be crowned. While some workmen in the employment of a local land owner were engaged in leveling a neglected portion of a fifteen-acre field, hitherto considered too difficult and unprofitable for cultivation, and removing the second ploughing of a gravelly subsoil, they came upon a remarkable jewel. It is described as oval in shape, 1½ in. by ¾ in., with a substantial gold framework of exquisite workmanship. On its front is inserted a dark greyish semi-transparent stone, with lighter veins, surrounded originally by twenty-six small pearls of great brilliancy, four of which have been lost.

### MONAGHAN—A Priest passes away

The death is reported of the Rev. A. McLerrey, P.P., Tydavnet, Monaghan, at the age of 53. Deceased had been in failing health for some time.

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