

Irish News

ANTRIM Death of a Journalist

The death is reported of Mr. M. Lennon, who had been for many years a member of the literary staff of the Belfast 'Irish News.' The deceased had been connected with many newspapers in the North of Ireland and Scotland prior to joining the 'Irish News' in 1893, and was highly esteemed by all his journalistic brethren without distinction of class or creed. He was a staunch Catholic and an ardent Nationalist.

Capacity for Business

Mr. Labouchere, in 'Truth,' shows his intimate knowledge of Belfast and its affairs by the following remarkable paragraph:—Owing no doubt to the possession of a seemingly perennial question, no country is so beset with fallacies regarding it as Ireland. It is a well known process of falsehood to develop itself by constant repetition into a semblance of truth, that deceives at least the careless multitude. The superior industry and strenuousness from a business point of view of the Irish of the North of Ireland, and of Belfast in particular, is a fallacy which has succeeded in working itself into the position of an accepted fact. In this regard a few undeniaible facts relating to the strenuous and successful business men of Belfast are interesting. In the great firm of Harland and Wolff, the former was English, the latter is a German. Sir Otto Jaffe, the present Lord Mayor of Belfast, is also a German, and Mr. Pirrie a Scotchman. Dublin, and not the Northern capital, has produced the richest and most successful man in Ireland and of Irish birth, Lord Iveagh. The Orangemen of the North are unquestionably strenuous in shouting and beating the drum; otherwise, however, it would not seem that they have shown a superior capacity for business.

DERRY—A Respected Resident Passes Away

The death is announced of a highly esteemed Catholic resident of County Derry, namely, Mr. Felix O'Neill, Dungiven. One of his sons is the popular Dean of St. Columba's College, Father Walter O'Neill. Mr. Felix O'Neill was known throughout the greater part of Ulster as a highly successful business man. He was a magistrate for the county, and was connected with several benevolent societies.

Death of a Priest

After Requiem Mass in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on May 11, the interment took place in the Long Tower Cemetery of the late Rev. Thomas Carlin. The deceased had for some years past been living in retirement in his native city, his health having failed after an exceptionally active and zealous life spent in the ministry of the altar. He had attained the ripe age of 75 years when he passed peacefully away, to the deep regret of a multitude of friends in the city and throughout the diocese of Derry. Father Carlin was ordained in 1851 by Most Rev. Dr. Whelan, Bishop of Bombay, and then started for missionary labors in Buenos Ayres, where he spent nine years performing his sacred duties, frequently under very trying circumstances, owing to epidemics of cholera and yellow fever. He himself was stricken down, and he went back to Ireland. When to some extent he regained his health, he was offered and accepted a position in the diocese of Newport and Menavia, Wales, which he held till 1899, when ill-health caused him to retire.

DUBLIN—The Sisters of Charity

The Congregation of the Irish Sisters of Charity held an election on May 15 of a Mother-General, under the presidency of the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Canea, with the result that Mother Mary Canisus Cullen, Superior of St. Vincent's Hospital during the past twenty-four years, and niece of the late Cardinal Cullen, was elected. Mother Cullen is the fourth Superior-General of the Congregation since its establishment. Mother Margison, the late Mother-General, recently voluntarily resigned the office, having reached her 88th year.

A Temperance Bazaar

To raise a sum of £10,000 for the promotion of temperance was the object of the All Ireland Temperance Bazaar which was opened under promising auspices in the Royal Dublin Society's premises, Ballsbridge, on May 16. The undertaking was a huge one, but the promoters of it left nothing undone to achieve the purpose in view.

The Late Canon O'Hanlon

Our Irish exchanges to hand contain news of the death of the Very Rev. Canon O'Hanlon, the venerable

pastor of Sandymount, County Dublin, whose serious illness was referred to in our last issue. The late Canon O'Hanlon was born at Stradbally, Queen's County, in the year 1821. At seventeen years of age he entered Carlow College, in which he studied until he attained the age of twenty-one, when he emigrated to America with other members of his family. After a short time there he entered the Ecclesiastical Seminary in St. Louis, in which he finished his ecclesiastical studies. In the year 1847 he was ordained by Archbishop Kenrick. After six years on the foreign mission, he returned to Ireland and was appointed curate in the parish of SS. Michael and John, Exchange street, Dublin, where he had for a colleague the Rev. C. P. Meehan, author of 'The Flight of the Earls,' and other well known historical works. While here he acted as honorary secretary to the O'Connell Memorial Committee, a position which entailed heavy work. In 1880 he was appointed parish priest of Sandymount, in which he labored zealously until his health gave way some months ago. He effected many improvements in the parochial church, built a presbytery in Ringsend for the priest who lives in the district, and also a residence for the teacher of the schools attached to the Star of the Sea church. Deceased held a leading place among men of letters. The works which he wrote include an Irish-American history of the United States, a history of his native county, and a life of St. Laurence O'Toole. It is by his 'Lives of the Irish Saints,' however, that he was most widely known. For nearly fifty years he worked hard compiling this stupendous work, which will ever remain a monument to his learning and wonderful industry. Beloved by all classes, he was revered particularly by his own people and by the clergy of the archdiocese of Dublin, who knew his true worth. His memory will long be cherished by his countrymen at home and abroad for his sterling services to Faith and Fatherland.

KILKENNY—A Distinguished Visitor

The arrival of the Very Rev. Dean Phelan in his native place, Johnstown, County Kilkenny, after seventeen years' missionary labor in the archdiocese of Melbourne (says the 'Freeman's Journal'), was made the occasion of great popular rejoicings. The distinguished priest left Australia in February last, after receiving a magnificent send-off from the Catholics of Melbourne. On his way to Ireland he visited the Holy Land, and spent Easter in Rome. He was accompanied from Dublin by his brother, Rev. Michael Phelan, S.J., and on arrival at Kilkenny was met at the railway station by his father, Mr. Martin Phelan, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Patrick Burke. Mr. James Garrett Fitzgerald read an address to the Very Rev. Dean, who, in the course of his reply, referred in affectionate terms to his old country, and also referred to the missionary labors of the Irish race in all the countries through which he had passed.

LOUTH—Fashionable Marriage

The marriage of the Marquis of Bute and Augusta, daughter of Sir Henry Bellingham, Bart., and the Lady Constance Bellingham, is fixed to take place to-day in the parish church of Kilsaran, County Louth.

ROSCOMMON—Only One Case

Opening Roscommon Quarter Sessions Judge Wakely said he was happy to be able to congratulate the Grand Jury on the fact that there was only one small assault case to go before them. The fact showed the peaceable state of the country.

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The Maynooth Synod

The Rome correspondent of the London 'Tablet' says the hierarchy and clergy of Ireland will be glad to learn that in a few weeks the decrees of the last provincial synod of Maynooth will be officially approved and published by the Holy See. When Cardinal Moran was in Rome nearly two years ago he instanced the case of this Irish Synod as a striking proof of the necessity of redistributing the work of the Roman Congregations, and especially of Propaganda. Some six or seven months ago Cardinal Martinelli was appointed as head of a special commission to examine the various decrees passed by the Irish hierarchy at Maynooth some five or six years ago. His labors are now practically finished, and the official publication may be expected immediately.

Emigration

Beyond question the saddest feature of Irish life is the appalling exodus of the people. Notwithstanding the fact that the population has dwindled down to little more than half of what it was fifty years ago, the people are still flying to foreign lands in great numbers. Since the emigration statistics were first com-