

Irish News

ANTRIM—A Prophecy

Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., speaking at Belfast towards the end of October, said the landlords' special friends could be out of office in a few months. The new Government would be in their place, and he ventured to warn all concerned that a bonus was not compulsory. A cable message received last week informed us that the Balfour Government had at last resigned, and that the Liberal Party had been asked to form a Ministry.

Death of a Well-known Cyclist

Mr. Henry J. Shimmins, the well known cyclist, was killed in a collision with an unknown cyclist in Belfast the other day.

CLARE—A Distinguished Scholar

Professor John P. Molohan, whose appointment to the Chair of Latin in the Queen's College, Cork, was recently announced, is the eldest son of Mr. P. Molohan, of Ballyvaskin, Miltown Malbay, County Clare. He was educated at the Diocesan College at Ennis, whence he proceeded to the Queen's College, Galway. After a distinguished course he entered Trinity College, Dublin, in 1876, where he practically took all the honors possible for an undergraduate in classics and English. He joined the staff of the old Diocesan College, the Crescent, Limerick, early in 1880, and met with much success in furthering the interests of the Senior Grade Intermediate students, who were new to the system at the time. He was afterwards engaged at Mungret College, which he left to found an Intermediate and Civil Service Academy in the city of Limerick. For some three years he continued these classes, and passed many pupils into the professions. In 1881 he was appointed Professor of Classics in St. Edmund's College, Ware, the great Catholic school of the diocese of Westminster, and later was transferred to Downside College, Bath. He is an M.A. and gold medallist of Dublin University.

CORK—Increasing Licenses

Writing to the press with reference to the Temperance Crusade, the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, complains of the action of magistrates in increasing the number of licenses in districts which are already provided with too many.

DUBLIN—Audience with the Pope

On Monday, October 16, the Holy Father granted a private audience to Mr. Patrick Cahill, of Dublin, optician to his Holiness. Mr. Cahill presented a very beautiful table barometer and a very handsome field glass, with which the Holy Father expressed himself as highly pleased. Rev. Father Burns, of London, acted as interpreter, and the Holy Father imparted to both his Apostolic Benediction.

Acquitted of a Serious Charge

Thomas O'Shea and Thomas Atkinson, who were charged at Dublin with having published a seditious circular calling on Irishmen to refuse to join the army, navy, or police forces, were found not guilty, and acquitted.

The Treasury Criticised

At the Protestant Synod held in Dublin, the Most Rev. Dr. Peacocke criticised severely the conduct of the Treasury in connection with the primary education question. He said Ireland was not as liberally treated from the Imperial funds as it was fairly entitled to. England and Scotland were treated far better. According to the last census returns, Ireland and Scotland had practically the same number of inhabitants. In these circumstances it would seem reasonable that Ireland should receive as large a grant for primary education as Scotland. The education estimates for the present year showed that Ireland received £381,715 less. 'The educational demands of England and Scotland,' said Dr. Peacocke, 'were met with liberality out of the Imperial funds, and why should this portion of the United Kingdom be dealt with on less liberal terms?' The answer to Dr. Peacocke's pertinent question (says a Dublin correspondent) is that Ireland's ill-treatment in educational as in many other matters is largely due to his co-religionists, the great majority of whom condone every injustice inflicted on this country by England, and glory in doing so.

GALWAY—Three Objects

The Bishop of Clonfert, in a letter to a political meeting at Loughrea, put three objects before the people—the preservation of national unity, the re-population of the empty grazing ranches, and the protest

against the farce of maintaining a Protestant University College in Galway—Protestant from top to bottom—for the alleged benefit of a Province only four per cent. of whose people are Protestant. The three purposes of the Bishop hang together. If national unity is shattered the bullocks will continue to be the monopolisers of the ranches, or the people will get access only at such a price as will effectively prevent them prospering for the next three-quarters of a century. If the bullock continues to be the master of the agricultural situation in Galway, there will not be much material to build a University College out of. Dr. O'Dea is at one with his people on these points, and his people are happily at one with one another. Loughrea has suffered too severely in the struggle for the emancipation of the soil to throw the fruits away at the eleventh hour.

KERRY—The Kenmare Estate

At a meeting in Killarney between Lord Kenmare and representatives of his tenants, his Lordship stated that he could not treat with the tenants under the terms they proposed.

Demise of a Well-known Lady

A respected figure in Tralee circles has passed away in the person of Mrs. Fitzgerald, wife of Mr. John Fitzgerald, a prominent local citizen. Deceased was the mother-in-law of Mr. M. J. Flavin, member for North Kerry, and Sister of the Rev. Charles M'Carthy.

A Venerable Resident Passes Away

Perhaps not within the memory of the oldest inhabitant (says the 'Cork Examiner') was there witnessed such an immense cortege as conveyed the remains of the late Mr. Eugene McGillicuddy, Ballinalane, who died at the patriarchal age of 93 years, to their final resting-place in Churchtown, the family burial ground, under the shadow of the historic Reeks. The immediate and surrounding districts within a radius of fourteen miles were fully represented by every class of the community. The town of Killarney was represented by the great majority of the leading merchants, artisans, and laborers, the members of the Rural District and Urban Councils being present with few exceptions. Several telegrams were received regretting inability to attend, amongst them being one from Dr. Hugh Brosnan, who was unavoidably absent in London. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. Murphy, Fries, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Connell. Amongst those who sent wreaths was his old friend The McGillicuddy of the Reeks, who was present himself, although in a delicate state of health.

LIMERICK—Clerical Changes

The Rev. Father Griffin, Adm. St. John's, Limerick, has been appointed by his Lordship the Bishop of Limerick to be parish priest of Adare, in the room of the late Dean Flanagan, P.P. Very Rev. Father Murphy, President of St. Munchin's College, has been made Administrator of St. John's, and Father O'Leary, who has been for some time in the College, becomes President.

A Serious Fire

Damage to the extent of £1000 was done to hay and other property belonging to Mr. S. F. Dowling, J.P., Templemugent, near Limerick, in a fire which occurred there towards the end of October.

LONGFORD—Purchasing their Holdings

The tenants on the O'Brien estate, in the northern part of the county, have purchased their holdings under these conditions: Twenty years' purchase on first-term rents, and twenty-one and a half years' purchase on second-term rents.

ROSCOMMON—Death of a Merchant

The death of Mr. Martin M'Donnell, which took place on October 20 in Roscommon, is widely regretted. Deceased, who had reached an advanced age, was an extensive merchant, and built up a successful business at Dunmore, Tuam, Miltown, Cloonfad, Ballyhaunis, and Roscommon. Over 1000 tenants in the latter county and the County Galway always found him a considerate landlord. For many years, and up to the time of its sale, he was owner of the Murphy Bell Foundry, Thomas street, Dublin. The late Mr. M'Donnell was a Justice of the Peace for Roscommon, and is survived by two sons, Mr. James M'Donnell, chairman Tuam Town Commissioners, and Mr. Farrell M'Donnell, Dunmore.

TIPPERARY—Death of a Priest

On October 20, in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, where he had gone to undergo an operation, the Very Rev. L. Hayes, D.D., P.P., Bansha, passed away to his eternal reward at the age of 58. Deceased was ordained in Rome after a brilliant course in the year