

Irish News

DERRY—Punishing the Mayor

The Mayor of Derry, who seeks re-election as a Councillor, has been placed at the bottom of the poll by the Unionist electors, who held a meeting to select candidates, because he appointed a Catholic to the position of Sergeant at Mace.

DONEGAL—Proposed Testimonial

The people of Stranoclar, County Donegal, have resolved to present the Rev. Edward M'Devitt, recently promoted to the dignity of Parish Priest of Raphoe, with a testimonial.

DUBLIN—An Appointment

The 'Dublin Gazette' announces that Lord Dudley, by warrant dated December 12, appointed Mr. Walter E. Callan to be a Resident Magistrate for County Galway, to be stationed at Gort. Mr. Callan filled the post of private secretary to the ex-Viceroy, and is a son of the late Mr. Philip Callan, ex-M.P.

A New Quarterly

There was to be issued in January from Maynooth College a new theological quarterly, which will be edited by five eminent members of its faculty of theology—Rev. Walter McDonald, D.D., Rev. Joseph McRory, D.D., Rev. John M. Hart, Rev. James McCaffrey, S.T.L., and Rev. P. J. Toner, D.D.

Rowdyism at Trinity College

On Degree Day in Trinity College, Dublin, the students enlivened the occasion with a vigorous demonstration of rowdyism, taking the form of indiscriminate groaning and cheering, the explosion of fire crackers, and a plentiful use of paper-flying machines. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the conferring of degrees on a number of lady graduates from Oxford and Cambridge Universities, whose rules preclude such ceremonies in regard to ladies.

The Royal University

The Senate of the Royal University of Ireland have passed a resolution to the effect that, whilst believing the disorderly conduct of some of the graduates and undergraduates at the conferring of degrees on October 27 was most reprehensible and deserving of punishment, they feel that in view of the legal opinions received as to their powers, it would not be advisable to take any action regarding that conduct. The Senate feel, nevertheless, the urgent necessity of obtaining powers to deal with the honor, and with all matters connected with the honor and discipline of the University.

GALWAY—Death of a Religious

After a short illness, Brother Joseph MacDonnell breathed his last at the Monastery, Kingston, Galway, on December 18.

Interpreting a Statute

There has been a very amusing correspondence between Mr. J. W. French, J.P., the chairman of the Galway District Council, and the late Lord Chancellor, over the question of a name in Irish on a cart. 'The Lord Chancellor,' says a letter addressed to Mr. French on November 2 from the Four Courts, 'has been informed that in a recent case against John Fagan for not having his name and residence legibly painted on the cart he was using, which came before the Galway Petty Sessions on the 15th and 23rd October last, you being one of the sitting magistrates, it was proved and admitted that his name and residence was not legibly painted in English characters, although painted in characters stated to be Irish.' His Lordship, the letter states, was also informed that Mr. French was apprised of the decision of the King's Bench in the case of M'Bride and M'Govern 'to the effect that in such cases the law required that the name and address should be legibly painted in English characters.' It was pointed out to Mr. French that he had refused to follow this decision, and that he had accordingly 'acted in open defiance of the law.' Mr. French was asked for an explanation. He states that he had no desire to overrule the decision of the King's Bench, and asks by what authority any Bench overrules the Statute 14 and 15 Vic., chap. 92, sec. 12, which regulates this matter and makes no specific reference to any particular language. 'The only reference it makes is to 'legibility,' and in the case of John Fagan, according to Mr. French, the legibility was undoubted.'

KERRY—Clerical Appointments

Rev. J. Browne, Glengariffe, has been appointed parish priest of Glenfesk. The pastorship of this well known health resort, thus left vacant, has been filled by the appointment of Rev. T. Harrington, Castleisland. Father Harrington, who is universally esteemed in the diocese of Kerry, is a native of Castletown Berehaven, County Cork. Rev. M. O'Flaherty, Ballylongford, succeeds Father Harrington in Castleisland.

Death of a Gaelic Leaguer

From Cahirciveen is announced the death of Mr. Patrick O'Daly, who spent over six years in London. He was one of the leading members of the Gaelic League, and was highly esteemed by the Gaelic Leaguers throughout the metropolis. Mr. O'Daly was 33 years of age. The Very Rev. Canon O'Riordan, P.P., V.F., Father T. O'Sullivan, of Westminster diocese, and other priests were present at the interment.

KILKENNY—A Memorial

In St. Patrick's Church, Kilkenny, on December 17, the Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg unveiled a grand window erected to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. James Walsh.

LIMERICK—Death of a Well-known Priest

News has been received in Limerick of the death of the Rev. Patrick Cronin, editor of the 'Catholic Union and Times,' of Buffalo, New York. Father Cronin was an eloquent preacher, and an able and incisive writer. He was born at Pallaskey seventy years ago. His early education was received at the Christian Brothers' School at Adare. He was ordained priest in the Cathedral of St. Louis in 1862. For upwards of a quarter of a century he edited the 'Catholic Union and Times.'

MEATH—Vicar-Capitular

Very Rev. Mgr. Gaughran, P.P., Kells, has been elected Vicar-Capitular of the diocese of Meath, pending the appointment of a successor to the Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney.

TIPPERARY—Death of a Clonmel Man

A cablegram from New York announces the death of Mr. Thomas F. Dunne, Sheriff of that city. Deceased was a native of Clonmel, where his mother and relatives reside. He paid a visit to Ireland, accompanied by his daughter, during the summer. Mr. Dunne was recognised as one of the Tammany leaders in the big American city and an enthusiastic supporter of the Gaelic League movement.

WESTMEATH—Clerical Change

The occasion of the transference of the Rev. D. Cuskelly, P.P., from Castleward to Moyvore, County Westmeath, was availed of by his old parishioners to present him with a souvenir of their affection in the shape of an illuminated address and a purse of sovereigns. The rev. gentleman replied to the subscribers in a graceful speech.

WICKLOW—A Remarkable Figure

A remarkable figure has passed away at Lamberton Cottage, near Arklow, in the person of Mr. Eugene Walsh. In '48, being then in the Royal Irish Constabulary, he formed one of the escort that surrounded Thomas Francis Meagher, when that young patriot was tried for his life at the Courthouse, Clonmel. Some years later, having quitted the force, he proceeded to America, and was the champion in the goldfields of Mackey, known as the 'Silver King,' O'Brien, Flood, and Fair, all of whom became millionaires. He fought on the side of the Federals during the Civil War, and was wounded at Fredericksburg on the memorable morning of the 13th December, 1862. In later years he was out with General Custer against the Indians. He returned to Ireland some years ago on a substantial pension from the United States Government, and settling at Lamberton Cottage, remained there until his death.

GENERAL

The Gaelic League

The committee of the Gaelic League in New York, as a result of the visit to the United States of Dr. Douglas Hyde, have forwarded to Dublin a sum of £1000.

A Land of Centenarians

The 'London Mail' says that, notwithstanding all her poverty, hardships, and grievances, Ireland remains the land of centenarians. During the year 1904 the death of no less than 182 persons aged more than 100 years has been recorded in that country.

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