

Irish News

ANTRIM—A Mission to Australia

In the course of an address in the National Hall, Belfast, to the Executive of the United Irish League Mr. Devlin said: I have come here to say good-bye to the members of the organisation and to my friends and colleagues in the National movement in this city. It is some time ago since I was invited by Mr. Redmond, as the chairman of the Irish Party and President of the United Irish League, to go to Australia on a mission to the Irish race in that great continent, but owing to the intervention of the general election and other pressing public work in the country, I found myself unable to accede to that request until now. Feeling that this pressure of public work and public engagements would be much less urgent during the ensuing few months, I, with Mr. J. T. Donovan, consented to accept the commission of the National Directory to proceed to Australia for a short period in order to thank our fellow-countrymen in the Southern Hemisphere for all the loyalty which they have shown to the Irish cause in the past and for the ever-consistent generosity and public spirit which they have manifested for Ireland in recent years.

ARMAGH—Cardinal Logue in Rome

Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, was received in private audience by the Holy Father in the early part of March. His Eminence conversed with the Pope in Italian. His Holiness evinced the greatest interest in the Cardinal's impressions of Venice, and inquired in a most affectionate manner about Ireland, saying he was glad to hear such a good report of the religious state of the country.

DONEGAL—Lenten Pastoral

The Lenten Pastoral of the Right Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, was printed in Irish as well as in English.

DUBLIN—Death of a Jesuit

The death is reported of a distinguished Irish Jesuit in the person of the Very Rev. Father John Moore, which occurred at San Francisco consequent on a sudden attack of appendicitis. The deceased was a native of Dublin, and was 52 years of age. His early life was spent under the guardianship of an uncle, who for over fifty years was the parish priest of Clondalain. In 1878 he went to California, subsequently returning to Ireland, being attached to Gardiner street church and doing missionary duty all over the country. He volunteered for India in 1896, for the College of Mangalore, which urgently needed a professor in English customs and language. The effect of the climate on his health was very severe, and he thought to return to Dublin, but was unable to do so. He spent some time in Egypt, but quite recently arrived at San Francisco, where at the community house of St. Joseph's he passed peacefully away.

A Garrison Institution

A correspondent of the 'Freeman's Journal' expresses the hope that Mr. Swift MacNeill may continue his efforts as a Liberal Protestant in exposing the intolerance that is practised towards Catholics in the lower ranks of the army. With regard to the Liberman Military School, he says that 'not a single post of emolument or trust in the whole School, from the office of Commandant down to that of gate-keeper, is held by a "Papist." The following list of billets, which are all tenanted by non-Catholics, will give some idea of how exclusively this Irish school is garrisoned by the superior Briton in the Irish metropolis—Commandant, Quartermaster, Quartermaster-Sergeant, Head Master, Head Schoolmistress, Bandmaster, Sergeant-Major, Master Tailor, Master Carpenter, Master Drummer, Master Shoemaker, Orderly Room Clerk, Lodgekeeper.'

GALWAY—Death of a Dominican

News has been received in Galway of the death at Rome of Very Rev. Father Costello, O.P., whose long residence in the Eternal City made him known to so many, while his kindness and readiness to oblige endeared him to all. Father Costello came of an old and highly respectable Galway family, members of which have distinguished themselves in various walks of life in France and England, as well as at home. He was born in 1824, and at an early age entered the Dominican Order and went to Italy for his novitiate and studies, taking there his degree in theology. Returning home, he first worked on the mission for some years in Leicester, and afterwards in the Convents of

St. Mary's, Cork, and St. Saviour's, Limerick, until 1865, when, health failing, he was sent to Lisbon and afterwards to San Clementi, Rome, where he died.

KERRY—Death of a Doctor

Dr. L. S. Griffin, resident medical superintendent of Killarney District Asylum, died under operation in London recently.

LIMERICK—Irish Manufacture

At Limerick Petty Sessions a summons brought by John Frawley, a member of the Limerick Industrial Association, against an outfitter in Limerick for a breach of the Merchandise Marks Act by selling as Irish manufacture a cap which was English manufacture, was dismissed because action had not been taken within six months of the date of the cause of action.

A Coming Evil

In opposing an increase in the doctors' salaries in Limerick Union, which was carried by 42 votes to 32, Mr. Patrick Burke said officialism was the coming curse of the country, and if this kind of thing went on it would take the place of landlordism.

LONGFORD—Papal Honor

His Holiness Pope Pius X. has been pleased to confer the title and dignity of Monsignor upon the Very Rev. Canon O'Farrell, Ardagh, County Longford.

MONAGHAN—The Lace Industry

Some three years ago the Rev. W. O'Doherty, Em-atris, County Monaghan, established a lace class to give much-needed employment to the girls of the parish, and its success has been wonderful. The net turnover for the first year was £1310, and the turnover for the past year was £3250. In the month of January this year alone the girls earned over £530.

A Centenarian

On March 2 the remains of a woman named Rachel Garrow, Cormeen, aged 103, were laid to rest at Bally-albany, Monaghan. The deceased, who was all her life a strong and healthy woman, was only complaining a short time prior to her death. She competed at the Monaghan Show in last September in the spinning competition, and succeeded in capturing first prize, as she had done on the previous years of the show. Her performance at the wheel at the show was watched with keen interest by large numbers.

QUEEN'S COUNTY—Death of a Priest

At Ballinakill, Queen's County, on February 21, the Rev. James Connolly, a highly esteemed priest of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, died at the age of 65. His death was deeply regretted by the people of his native diocese.

TIPPERARY—The Soldier's Reward

Another of those disagreeable workhouse stories (says the London 'Daily News') comes from Roscrea, in the County Tipperary, where Martin Fogherty, a Crimean soldier, has died at the age of 75. If the story told of Fogherty's career is correct, as no doubt it is, he deserved better of his country than death in the workhouse. Serving in a foot regiment, Fogherty performed the truly remarkable feat of fighting throughout the Crimean campaign without being as much as a day on the sick list. Having regard to the hardships undergone by the troops in that campaign, Fogherty must be supposed to have had an iron constitution. He afterwards served through the Indian Mutiny. And now he has died in a workhouse, where, it is said, he had lived for several years. There were prosecutions in Ireland recently for the circulation of pamphlets against recruiting in that country. It may occur to the authorities that one such case as that of Martin Fogherty, the Crimean veteran, dying in the Roscrea Workhouse, is a more powerful anti-recruiting argument than any pamphlet could put forward.

GENERAL

The King and St. Patrick's Day

The King again ordered a supply of shamrocks for Buckingham Palace on St. Patrick's Day from the Violet and Shamrock Farm at Cullinamore, County Sligo.

Intermediate Education

Whatever criticism the system of Irish Intermediate Education may deserve (says the 'Freeman's Journal'), it cannot be denied the tribute of having attracted the confidence of the Intermediate Schools. This year's entries for the examinations constitute another record. The total is 11,667, an increase of 1379 on the figures for 1905, which themselves represented an increase of 1122 on the figures for 1904.

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