

Irish News

DUBLIN—Local Industries

The Spring Show at Ballsbridge was the largest yet held by the Royal Dublin Society. A most important feature of it was the fine exhibition of Irish furniture and allied industries.

Charitable Bequests

Mr. George Delany, of Burlington Road, Dublin, who died on March 3 last, left estate valued at £12,038. Subject to other bequests, he left the residue of his estate in equal shares to the Brickfield Night Asylum; the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross; and the Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook.

Temperance Demonstration

A great temperance demonstration was held in the Round Room, Rotunda, Dublin, on May 27, at which the Rev. Father Aloysius, O.S.F.C., delivered an address setting forth the principles of the temperance crusade at present being conducted in Ireland, and urging on the working people to take an active part in the crusade. Mr. Lindsay Crawford, in proposing a vote of thanks to Father Aloysius, said he regarded that meeting as a most hopeful sign of the forces that were working for the regeneration of Ireland.

The Moore Memorial

At the last meeting of the executive committee of the Moore memorial fund it was reported that the money already received was ample to provide a large Celtic cross in the churchyard at Bromham, Wiltshire. It is hoped that the cross will be erected this summer, and then the committee would arrange to replace the existing statue in Dublin by a group or figure that would do fitting honor to the poet and beautify a splendid site. In reply to Mr. Justice Meredith, the hon. secretary stated that they had not yet invited designs, but had received some unfinished sketches from Mr. Connors, the well-known American sculptor.

Death of a Religious

At St. Joseph's Monastery, Clondalkin, County Dublin, on April 25, Brother Michael passed away in the 53rd year of his age. Deceased, who spent thirty years in religion, was much respected, and his death at a comparatively early age is regretted by all who knew him.

Catholic Truth Society

At the quarterly meeting of the Council of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland in Dublin, a vote of congratulation was passed to the Right Rev. Mgr. Mannix, D.D., President of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on his appointment to the position of Domestic Prelate to the Pope, and reference was made by the committee to his great services to the Society.

GALWAY—Grazing Lands

During the last week in April an inspector to the Estates Commission and staff of assistants were engaged in dividing about 2500 acres of untenanted land on the Daly, Trench, and Smith estates. All the tenants on the estates and the small tenants in the neighborhood got their holdings enlarged, and several sons of tenants were given new holdings. Four evicted tenants were reinstated in their former holdings, and have been given grants for building new houses and stocking the lands. The Estates Commissioners have also been at work on the Smyth estate, in the parish of Cummer, selecting the grass lands (close upon 2000 acres) for distribution among the old residents as well as the newly-created tenants. The sale (20 years at the valuation, with all arrears of rent wiped out) took place about a year ago. This is the second extensive estate in the parish secured for the tenants within the last couple of years through the exertions of their good P.P., Father Eagleton.

Spread of Temperance

The Redemptorist Fathers Magnier and Coyle gave a week's temperance mission recently in Athenry. The establishment of the Anti-Treating League was the great work of the mission. The people responded with enthusiasm. All, or nearly all, entered their names and took the pledge for life. About 1500 badges were taken. A very large number gave in their names for the 'Heroic Offering,' and the Confirmation pledge was renewed until the age of 25 years. Very Rev. Canon Canton expressed himself thoroughly pleased with the work done during the week by the missionaries. At the close Father Coyle thanked the people for their magnificent response to the call of their priests and the Archbishop. He believed the people would persevere and show all men that the Anti-Treating League would be the salvation of Ireland. Treating was at the root of nearly all drunkenness.

KERRY—A Distinguished Visitor

Sir Thomas O'Shaughnessy, the President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has been on a visit to Ireland, and spent some time seeing the beauties of Kerry, from which county his parents emigrated.

KILDARE—Death of a Christian Brother

Rev. Brother Dunne died at Kildare the other day, a victim to an outbreak of scarlatina which had occurred in the district.

LIMERICK—A Former Resident Passes Away

On April 5 there died at his home, Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Mr. James Shea, a native of the city of Limerick, which he left 40 years ago for America. He was employed with Messrs. J. Matterson and Sons, Limerick, and was superintendent of the packing house of the late Mr. Isaac Atkinson for many years. Mr. Shea was always a liberal contributor to Irish National movements.

Leaving for the Philippines

The Rev. John Creagh and the Rev. Father O'Sullivan, of the Redemptorist community, Limerick, leave for the Philippine Islands shortly. Father Creagh, who has acted as director of the Archconfraternity meeting of the Holy Family during the past four years, was instrumental in starting a Workman's Industrial Association and a savings bank for the benefit of the men of the Confraternity. Both he and Father O'Sullivan are Limerick men by birth.

A Commercial Transaction

It is announced that the Irish National Condensed Milk Company, including factories at Limerick, Clonmel, Carrick, and Fethard, has been purchased by Messrs. Cleve Brothers. The price is stated to be over £50,000.

A Judicial Definition

In giving judgment at Bruff Quarter Sessions against a number of farmers for drainage charges, his Honor Judge Adams said the derivation of 'drainage schemes' was this—'Scheme' meant that it was carried out by schemers, and 'drain' meant that the money of the farmers was drained.

LONGFORD—A Friend at the Castle

At Longford Quarter Sessions, before Judge Curran, Thos. Gillespie, a bailiff living at Derrycasson, was charged with pointing a revolver at Patrick Reilly on Christmas Day last. The evidence went to show that Gillespie called Reilly a Popish rebel and pointed a revolver at his breast. The jury found the accused guilty. His Honor said that was the third time he had tried Gillespie for the improper use of a revolver. He forfeited his license before, and he understood he was no sooner out than some of his friends in high quarters in Dublin Castle arranged to get it back again for him. He would direct the accused to give up the revolver and license and find bail, himself in £100 and two securities of £50 each. He was determined to stop his right to use a revolver in the County Longford.

TYRONE—Venerable Voters

The death the other day of George Fletcher, of Killy, Pomeroy, County Tyrone, the oldest subject in the British Empire, at the great age of 118 years, will render it of interest to record the fact (says the 'Freeman's Journal') that this grand old man, with two other patriarchs, aged respectively 94 and 97, last January came to the polling booth at East Tyrone election to vote for Mr. Doogan, the Nationalist candidate, who won the election by the splendid energy and organisation of the Nationalist party in the division, although on the register there was a Unionist majority against him—99½ per cent. of the Nationalist vote was recorded, and the remaining ½ per cent. was accounted for.

GENERAL

Irish Athletes in Greece

At the Olympic Games at Athens the hop, step, and jump resulted in a triple Irish triumph, O'Connor, Leahy and Cronan finishing in the order named, and C. Leahy won the running high jump.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The annual report of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Ireland, which was read at a meeting held in the Catholic University, St. Stephen's Green, on April 29, is a splendid record of work done for the suffering poor of the country during the past year. The field of operations is so immense, as the report says, that not even from the most careful study of the district returns can any adequate idea be formed of the countless sufferings, temporal, physical, and moral, with which the members have been brought face to face in 1905, or the methods by which they tried to assuage them during

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