

Irish News

ANTRIM—Serious Fire

The drapery shops of Messrs. H. Carson and R. Milliken, Church street, Ballymena, were recently completely destroyed by fire. The brigade, with great difficulty, prevented the flames' further spread. Eight thousand pounds is the estimated damage.

CORK—Appointed Dean

Official intimation has been received from the Vatican that the Holy Father has been pleased to appoint Canon Michael Shinkwin, P.P., V.G., of St. Patrick's, Cork, to be Dean of the diocese of Cork.

DUBLIN—The San Francisco Disaster

A cablegram has been received at the Gaelic League offices, Dublin, from Dr. Douglas Hyde, stating that he has returned five thousand dollars, collected for the Gaelic League in San Francisco, to Father Yorke, for the relief of the sufferers in that city.

The International Exhibition

At the last meeting of the executive council of the Irish International Exhibition it was reported that the Foreign Office had directed circulars to all the British representatives abroad instructing them to bring the exhibition to the notice of the Governments to which they were accredited, and asking that publicity be given to the undertaking. It was also reported that the Colonial Office had undertaken to convey in the colonial mail bags letters on the subject of the exhibition to all the Governors of the British Colonies and Dependencies.

Memorial to Mangan

Many visitors to the R.H.A. Exhibition (says the Dublin 'Freeman') must have admired the beautiful head in marble by Mr. Oliver Sheppard, R.H.A., which will form part of the memorial to Clarence Mangan, to be erected in Stephen's Green. This head, which has been carved out of a solid block of marble, will be set into a pedestal eight and a half feet high, and on this pedestal will be placed a heroic bust of the poet in bronze. The head, which is intended to symbolise the spirit of poetry, is a fine piece of work, and the Clarence Mangan Memorial promises to be a noteworthy addition to Dublin monuments.

Maynooth College

Their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant and the Countess of Aberdeen, accompanied by the Hon. Nevil Gordon, the Hon. Muriel Herschell, and the Hon. Grace Ridley, and attended by Lord Herschell and Viscount Anson, A.D.C., visited Maynooth College the other day. Their Excellencies were received by the President and Vice-President of the College, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, and others. Subsequently their Excellencies were entertained at luncheon, and afterwards visited the college buildings.

The Moore Memorial

The Moore memorial committee has accepted a tender for a Celtic cross to be erected over the poet's grave in Bromham churchyard, subject to the condition that the cross be completed, erected in place, and ready for unveiling not later than September next. The cost of the monument will be £220. It will be eighteen feet high, with a massive die, carved front and sides, moulded and paneled on back, and composed of the best quality of Ballinasloe limestone.

KERRY—Estates Purchased

Mr. Flavin, M.P., has received from Mr. Bryce a list of the estates in the County Kerry which have been purchased by the Congested Districts Board under the Land Act of 1903. Six estates in all have been so purchased, namely, those of W. L. Rae, S. M. Hussey, F. S. Colles Sandes, J. E. Butler, Captain Burns Hartopp, and trustees of R. G. Allanton Winn. The total area of the six estates is 42,110 acres of a yearly valuation of £6599. The yearly rental was £6636, the purchase money £146,348, and the bonus £16,562. In the case of the last three mentioned estates no agreements have been executed, but the terms of purchase have been settled.

LIMERICK—Turned to Better Use

The City Prison at Limerick having been discontinued the building has been handed over to the Corporation by Mr. O'Sullivan, Governor of the County Prison. Alderman Joyce, M.P., the Mayor, accepted the building on behalf of the Corporation. It is to be used as a temporary school by the Christian Brothers, pending the building of their branch educational establishment in Bridge street.

Provincial Exhibition

The Munster-Connaught Exhibition will be held in Limerick on July 9. It will be opened by the Lord Lieutenant, the patron of the Exhibition, who will be accompanied by the Countess of Aberdeen. The president is the Earl of Dunraven, and the chairman and vice-president is the Mayor of Limerick, Alderman Joyce. The Bishops of Limerick, Galway, Killaloe, and Ross are amongst the vice-presidents. His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel, his Grace the Archbishop of Tuam, and the Bishops of Kerry, Clonfert, Waterford, and Cloyne are amongst the general committee. Representative committees have been appointed for the counties of Clare, Cork, Galway, Kerry, Leitrim, Limerick, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, Tipperary, and Waterford; and a ladies' committee is at work, in charge of cottage industries and some of the sections for textile exhibits. The display of Irish manufactures at the exhibition will be large and fully representative of the industries of the West and South. Exhibits are also accepted from the other provinces, so as to secure a fitting display of the productions of the country in general.

TIPPERARY—Sale of an Estate

Negotiations for the sale of Mr. George Langley's estate at Coalbrook, near Thurles, have been completed, the terms of purchase being 21½ years in non-judicial rents. The estate is extensive, containing upwards of 2000 acres and embracing seven townlands.

Words of Encouragement

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly paid his second triennial visit to Tipperary on Sunday, May 6, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 500 children. At last Mass he addressed an exceptionally large congregation, and spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to come amongst them for the second time. His message to the people of Tipperary would be very brief, but he hoped it would arrest attention. Never in his experience for the past fifty years were the conditions of life in this country so difficult as they were presently. Some thirty years ago they had insecurity of tenure, high rents, and clumsy methods of agriculture, but somehow the people managed to muddle along, to earn a fair livelihood, and settle their families in the country. At the present time they had fixity of tenure, low rents, and improved methods of agriculture, and nevertheless the people were finding themselves unable to make a living in their native land, and were flying away. And yet, in his opinion, a living was still to be made in Ireland, and he would point out how. Exceptional industry would enable the people to face the present black outlook and earn a decent livelihood in their own country, which was the happiest country in the world to live in, and the safest country to die in.

WEXFORD—The Father Murphy Memorial

Mr. Sheppard, the well-known Dublin sculptor, is engaged upon a monument to be erected in Enniscorthy to the memory of Father John Murphy, of '98 fame. It is a bronze group of heroic-sized figures, representing a priest, who points the way with outstretched hand to a youth who holds a pike-handle on which a flag is fixed.

GENERAL

Parliamentary Fund

Up to May 4, £5698 16s 6d had been received for the United Irish Parliamentary Fund, 1906.

Band Contest

In a flute and drum band contest for the championship of Ireland at Newry, first prize went to the John Mandeville Band, Belfast; second to the Colonel Leonard Band, Drogheda; and third to the Argle Temperance Band, Belfast.

Emigration

During the first four months of this year nearly 10,000 men and women sailed from Queenstown for America. That there has been a decrease in the number of emigrants of some 2000, as compared with the number for the corresponding period of last year, is a gratifying fact. In view of the depleted population of the country, however, the decrease, although a marked one, is by no means as large as desirable. Moreover, the exodus from Queenstown just now appears to be increasing; it certainly is most painful to witness. As a speaker said recently, it would seem as if Ireland were merely rearing its young for exportation to America.

Increase of Insanity

The Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the care and condition of the feeble-minded held a sitting on May 5, in Dublin, when Mr. Robert Mathe-

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