

Irish News

CAVAN—Death of a Bishop

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Dr. Magennis, Bishop of Kilmore, who passed away at his residence, Cullies House, Cavan, on May 15, in the 60th year of his age. The deceased prelate, who was an eminent theologian, was appointed to the See in 1888.

CORK—Serious Fire

On the morning of May 12 one of the most destructive fires which has occurred in Cork for many years broke out in the extensive manure and chemical works of W. H. Goulding and Co., situated at the Glen, Blackpool. The fire seems to have had its origin in the central block, and, fanned by a strong wind from the south-east, spread with extraordinary rapidity. The acid tower, so prominent a figure to residents in the district and travellers on the railway being the last land mark before they enter the tunnel, was soon ablaze, and presented a magnificent spectacle as the day was breaking. It was soon consumed, and then the fire attacked the main buildings. There were stored great quantities of chemicals of manure material. There was nothing to stop the flames, and the havoc they wrought was remarkable. The works were completely destroyed. The damage is estimated at £25,000. The factory gave employment to upwards of 150 men.

A Crying Injustice

On May 10 Mr. Justice Barton delivered judgment in a case in which the plaintiff, Ellen Cussen, residuary legatee under the will, sought the opinion of the court as to whether a bequest of £300 to Rochestown Convent, County Cork, for the education of a priest for that community, and one of £100 to the Superior of Holy Trinity Church, Cork, for a similar purpose, were valid notwithstanding the provisions of the 10th George IV., c.7. His lordship said it was a crying injustice that a system of law depending on religious disabilities should be enforced in that court in reference to property and used for the purpose of defeating the otherwise lawful intention of legislators when the enactments themselves had been allowed to become a dead letter for the past eighty-two years. Having regard to the affidavit which was made by the Superior of Rochestown Convent, that the funds comprised in the gift need not necessarily be devoted to purposes in Ireland and that the gift was susceptible of a lawful application—namely, the education of a priest for the foreign mission he held it to be valid. With regard to the second gift he adopted the construction that had been put forward on behalf of the beneficiaries—namely, that it was a gift to the individual members of the Franciscan Order. He held it valid also.

Welcome to Priests

Rev. Fathers Dennehy and Kent, of the diocese of Cloyne, arrived in Queenstown on May 12 from America, where they had been collecting funds during the last three years for the completion of St. Colman's Cathedral. They met with a most cordial welcome from their colleagues in the sacred ministry and from the general public. At the residence of the Right Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of the diocese, they were presented with an address of congratulation by the members of the Queenstown Urban District Council, in reply to which they both delivered touching speeches, in which they paid warm tribute to the American priests and people from whom they received the utmost kindness and generosity. Dr. Browne and several clergymen of the diocese were present during the proceedings. His Lordship delivered a short address, in the course of which he said their mission to the United States had been a success from every point of view. They had handed him a goodly sum—more than he expected—and, what he prized more than their golden present, they had borne themselves during their trying mission in a manner worthy of their priestly character and of the honor of the priesthood of Cloyne whom they represented.

DOWN—Science Certificates

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland (says the 'Irish Weekly') have issued their first batch of secondary teachers' science certificates to those candidates who, after obtaining highly satisfactory marks at the summer courses in 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, and 1905, have conducted science classes for the five preceding school years to their satisfaction. Amongst the successful candidates we are pleased to find the name of Mr. Charles O'Reilly, M.A., St. Finian's Seminary, Navan. Mr. O'Reilly is a County Down man, and was a distinguished student in St. Colman's

College, Newry, and subsequently in St. Malachy's College, Belfast. In 1901-1902 and 1902-1903 he conducted the science classes in St. Colman's College. Since then he has taught in St. Finian's, Navan.

DUBLIN—Catholic University Medical School

During the concluding days of June, the golden jubilee of the Catholic University Medical School, Uccilla street, was celebrated in a befitting manner. Fifty years ago it was established, and, notwithstanding State neglect, it has gone on thriving from year to year until now it is the most up-to-date and successful medical school in Ireland, if not in the United Kingdom.

Charitable Bequests

The late Miss Eliza Barber, who died on March 31 at Brighton, has bequeathed the following amounts to Dublin charities:—To the Meath Hospital for a new ward to be called the 'Eliza Barber Ward,' £5000; to Mercer's Hospital, £2000; to the City of Dublin Hospital, £2000; to the Adelaide Hospital, £200; Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers' Society, £600; Night Asylum, £200; Convalescent Home, £100; The Incurable, £100; Cripples' Home, Usher's Island, £100; Mendicity Institute, £100; Peter's Schools, Peter's Parish, £100; for building a convalescent home and providing superior comforts for the poor in Dublin, £6000; for annual meat dinner to poor of St. Peter's parish, £300.

A Lecky Memorial

On May 10 the Right Hon. Lord Rathmore unveiled the Lecky memorial statue, which is erected in Trinity College, in the space between the Examination Hall and the Library. Their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant and Countess of Aberdeen were present. Lord Rathmore delivered an eloquent address on the occasion.

Death of a Priest

The death is announced of the Very Rev. Canon Edward T. Quinn, P.P., V.F., which took place at his residence, Ballybrack, on May 13. The deceased priest was well known and beloved in Dublin, where he was for many years parish priest in High street parish. Subsequently he was appointed to the charge of the suburban parish, where he passed away. His kindly ministrations and his earnest efforts to better the position of the poor have been often referred to, and the news of his demise will cause widespread and sincere regret.

An Interesting Debate

A novel and interesting incident (says the Dublin 'Freeman's Journal') was the inter-collegiate debate held the other day in the Aula Maxima of University College, St. Stephen's Green, between picked students of the Debating Society of the College and of the Debating Society of Queen's College, Belfast. The Rev. Father Delany, Rector of University College, who presided, gave a cordial welcome to the visitors, which was warmly acknowledged in their speeches. 'Patriotism or Cosmopolitanism?' formed the subject of the debate; but there was no wrestling for superiority between the rival teams, and no formal award of victory. The speeches were admirable—full of freshness and earnestness of youth. But most remarkable of all, and most gratifying, was the spirit in which the Belfast students pleaded for toleration and unity amongst Irishmen in furthering the interests of their common country. If one can judge by the debate, National sentiment can live and thrive in the atmosphere of Queen's College, Belfast. The debate was a happy experiment in bringing students of different institutions and different training together, and may be repeated with advantage.

KERRY—Departure of a Priest

The people of Ballymacelligott, County Kerry, have felt deeply the transference of the Rev. John Dillon from that parish to Listowel. At a meeting, over which the Rev. M. McCarthy presided, it was resolved to present an illuminated address, and a resolution thanking Father Dillon for his services in the parish was heartily passed.

Death of a Teacher

The remains of the late Mr. John McEnery, one of the ablest, most popular, and respected members of the teaching profession in North Kerry, were interred on May 10 in Rebeela Cemetery, Ballyduff. Much sympathy is manifested for the family of the deceased in their sudden and unexpected bereavement. The funeral cortege was large, and among the chief mourners were the parents of the deceased, Father McEnery of Bradford, Mr. McEnery of Ilford, London, Mr. and Mrs. J. McEnery of Tralee, and a large number of friends from various parts of the country.