

Irish News

ANTRIM—Church Extension in Belfast

The sum of £800 was subscribed at a meeting of the Catholics of Ballyhackamore, Belfast, held for the purpose of inaugurating a fund for the erection of a church in that parish, which has been recently created, with Rev. Henry Skeffington as Administrator. The Most Rev. Dr. Henry, who addressed the meeting, said the district in pre-Reformation times seemed to have been well provided with church accommodation for the Faithful. That could not be said at the present time. The scattered population of the locality, especially the Catholic servants, had been put to great inconvenience for some years past owing to the want of a church in that neighborhood.

CLARE—School-book on Temperance

The 'Irish Temperance Reader,' of which Father Halpin, P.P., Scariff, County Clare, is the author has received hearty encomiums from Cardinal Gibbons, the Archbishop of Westminster, and the Bishops of Newport, Salford, Ardagh, Kerry, Clogher, Galway, and Elphin. One and all agree in the opinion that it is a treasury of the best and most varied information on the subject, and congratulate Father Halpin on the fact that it is sanctioned for use in National schools.

CORK—Temperance Progress

The Kanturk Total Abstinence Society, through the exertions of its president, Canon O'Connell, and its vice-president, the Rev. E. Griffin, have succeeded in purchasing outright their present meeting rooms, which in future will be the property of the parish.

Charitable Bequests

The late Mr. Michael M'Namara of Belleville, St. Luke's, County Cork, who died on the 5th of May, left the following charitable bequests: £100 to the North Charitable Infirmary, Cork; £100 to the South Charitable Infirmary; £100 to St. Patrick's Hospital for Cancer, and £100 to the Mercy Hospital, Cork.

DUBLIN—A Protest

In connection with the conferring of degrees at the Royal University of Ireland, a vigorous protest was made by a number of graduates and undergraduates against the methods adopted in the matter of cards of admission. A meeting of protest was held outside the buildings, and was addressed by, amongst others, Messrs. David Sheehy, M.P., and Mr. Sheehy-Skeffington, M.A.

Spread of Temperance

The Rev. Father Aloysius, O.S.F.C., Dublin, presiding on November 4, at the Workmen's Temperance Committee, referred to the recent great temperance demonstration in the city, and said he had it on reliable authority that not since the day of the unveiling of the O'Connell monument were there so many people assembled in O'Connell-street, and not a single case of drunkenness was recorded in the Police Courts next morning.

Charitable Bequests

The late Mr. O'Mulrennin bequeathed £300 to Dr. Douglas Hyde and Mr. John MacNeill for the teaching of Classic Irish, and £300 to his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin for the education of Irish boys in the Christian Brothers' schools.

Death of a Religious

Rev. Brother Fleming, a distinguished member of the Christian Brothers' Institute, died on October 31, at the House of the Community in Westland Row, Dublin. The deceased Brother had reached the age of 77 years, over 40 of which were spent in the great-teaching Community mentioned. For some ten years he acted as Superior in the schools of the Order at St. John's, Newfoundland, and subsequently he filled a similar position at Mount Sion, Waterford, afterwards becoming Superior at the Synge-street Schools, Dublin. During the last three years he had been in failing health.

Post Office Appointment

Mr. James MacMahon, who has been appointed Chief accountant to the Post Office in Ireland, is a past pupil of Blackrock College, County Dublin. It is interesting to note that he is the first to fill the position who entered the Civil Service by open competition.

Control of Education

A great meeting of the Gaelic League was held recently in the Mansion House, Dublin, and was addressed by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Dr. Douglas Hyde, Mr. John MacNeill, Mr. Stephen Gwynn, Mr. Hugh Law, M.P., and other speakers. Dr. Hyde said the National Board had been tried and found wanting, and they demanded popular control of their national educational centre.

Fifty Years' Strenuous Labour

In the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner-street, on Sunday, November 4, the Rev. Henry Lynch, S.J., preached a sermon in aid of St. Brigid's Orphanage, Eccles-street, which was founded in 1856 by the late Rev. John Gowan, C.M., and Miss Margaret Aylward. To save Catholic children from the clutches of the proselytisers is the object for which the institution was established, and that it has done this most successfully is well known. During the fifty years of its existence over 3000 orphans have been received within its walls, of whom 2798 have been taught trades, provided with situations, or otherwise given a means of earning a livelihood. There are four hundred and forty orphans now in the institution, which is conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Faith.

The Cost of Law and Order

The 'Freeman' publishes a letter from a correspondent on the cost of what is called 'Law and Order' in Dublin. The cost of the London Police Force is £88 per head; the cost of the Dublin Police Force is £139 per head. Why is that? Dublin is much more law-abiding than London. The tax levied on Dublin citizens for the upkeep of the Dublin Metropolitan Police is eightpence in the pound, treble what it is in Glasgow, and more than double what it is in the other large cities of Great Britain. But, whereas these cities control their own police, Dublin's police are controlled by the Government, and instead of being a municipal are an Imperial force. Worse still, this eightpenny rate remains stationary, no matter how much the valuation of the city may be increased. The thing is the grossest anomaly and injustice.

KERRY—An Enthusiastic Send-off

An enthusiastic send-off was accorded to Rev. Father O'Riordan, formerly of Liverpool, but now of Kerry diocese, by the people of Castletown Berehaven, on his leaving for the United States to collect funds for the erection of a much-needed parochial church in their district.

WATERFORD—A Word of Warning

His Lordship the Bishop of Waterford, speaking at the annual Convention of Affiliated Catholic Young Men's Societies in Ireland, referred to the education question. He said we could not conceal from ourselves the fact that in other countries with which we were brought closely into touch the drift and tendency was to create godless systems of education, separating the secular instruction of the young from the religious—to bring up the children for the greater part of their lives in an atmosphere that was ungodly when it was not actually atheistic, and to relegate to the Church the religious instruction of the young men and young women who were to be the men and women of the next generation. Although in Ireland no attempt had been made in that direction up to the present, still, the day might come when Irish Catholics might be compelled to fight for religion in the schools as the English Catholics were fighting at the present moment. If ever that time came there would be invaluable support to be derived from the young men if only they fought and trained to stand out boldly and as one body for the Catholic interests.

WEXFORD—Evicted Tenants Reinstated

It is announced that the tenants on the Coolroe Estate who were evicted about nineteen years ago are about to be reinstated at an early date, chiefly through the intercession of the Very Rev. Canon Kavanagh, P.P., D.D., V.F., and Mr. John Cummins, J.P.

WICKLOW—Death of a Priest

The death has occurred at Wicklow of the Very Rev. Thomas Carberry, P.P., V.F., who, previous to his appointment to the parish of Wicklow, was for many years engaged in parochial work in Dublin and neighborhood.

GENERAL

The Commission on Poor Laws

The Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, Ireland, has been appointed a member of the Commission on Poor Laws, in succession to The O'Connor Don.

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