

The Late Mgr. Molloy

By his will the late Monsignor Molloy bequeathed certain leasehold property in Kingstown to the Catholic University School of Medicine and his Philosophical apparatus; to St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, his books and literary works and £500 for decorations of the new College Chapel; £500 to the Clerical Fund of Dublin Diocese; £200 to St. Mary's Dominican Convent, Kingstown, for charity; £100 to the Baggot-street Convent for a similar purpose; to the Convent of Mercy, Longford; £100 to the Mater Hospital; £100 to St. Vincent's Hospital; £100 to High Park Convent, Drumcondra; £100 to the Convent of Mercy, Gloucester-street; £100 to the Sisters of the Faith, Glasnevin; £100 to the Refuge for Homeless Girls, Buckfield-lane, £500 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Dublin; and £100 for Masses for the repose of his soul. The residue of his property goes to charitable and educational purposes.

Clerical Appointments

The following appointments have been made by his Grace the Archbishop: The Very Rev. Canon Gorman, P.P., Bray, to the Vicar Forane of the Deanery of Bray. The Very Rev. J. Staples, P.P., Rathdrum, to be parish priest of Wicklow, and Vicar Forane of the Deanery of Wicklow.

An Appointment

Mr. L. Scanlan, B.A., who has been a member of the teaching staff of Belvedere College for the past six years, has just received an important appointment in St. Louis' English College, Valparaiso. This educational establishment, which has a high reputation in Chili, is under the control of an Irishman, and most of his staff are of the same nationality. Though quite a young man, Mr. Scanlan has had much experience in other educational institutes in Ireland and in America. He was one of the most popular members of the Belvedere College staff, and his departure is much regretted not only by his colleagues, but by the pupils and their parents.

GALWAY—Death of an Heir

Mr. Herbert Michael Grattan-Bellew, eldest son of Sir Henry and Lady Sophia Grattan-Bellew and heir to the baronetcy, died on Sunday, November 11, at Bellewstown, County Galway, at the age of 20. His death was due indirectly to a fall while hunting.

KERRY—Death of a Priest

Much regret is felt in the diocese of Kerry at the death of Rev. P. Courtney, Killorglin, which took place in the Mater Hospital, Dublin, after a short illness. Deceased went to Dublin to see a brother who was lying ill, and contracted a cold which ended fatally.

KILDARE—Fire in a Church

A fire broke out on Sunday, November 11, in the Catholic Church at the Curragh Camp, and considerable damage was done to the roof.

Proposed Memorial

Rev. P. F. Warren, P.P., Ballytore, County Kildare, presided at a meeting of his parishioners on November 18, at which it was resolved to take steps to perpetuate the memory of Fathers Clarke and Carberry, also Archdeacon Brady, deceased pastors of the parish.

ROSCOMMON—A Returned Traveller

Rev. T. H. Cummins, D.D., P.P., of Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, has arrived home after an extended tour through the United States.

TIPPERARY—Death of a Priest

The death is reported of the Rev. Father John O'Brien, of Houghton-le-Spring, the sad event taking place at Twyford Abbey, Ealing, Middlesex, where he had been for the past two or three months owing to ill-health. The deceased gentleman, who was 53 years of age, had been ailing for a considerable time. Father O'Brien was born at Tipperary, and was educated at Mount Mellifay, County Waterford. From there he went to Ushaw College, Durham, where he continued his studies, and was ordained priest on June 11, 1881.

WATERFORD—An Athlete

Mr. Maurice Davin, the patriarch of champion athletes, is a rosy-cheeked, blue-eyed youth at 64. A visitor who saw him lately at his comfortable home near Carrick-on-Suir, County Waterford, says that he is still able to throw the 16lb hammer over 118ft. He holds the record of 131ft 6in. He stands 6ft 1in, and has a chest-measurement of 48 inches, and a waist measurement of 40 inches. Maurice is the eldest of four athletic brothers.

People We Hear About

Father Wernz, who was recently elected General of the Jesuit Order, distinguished himself by devotion and courage on the battlefield in the Franco-Prussian war.

There is a report current in London that Sir Antony MacDonnell will shortly be given a prominent post in the Indian Government, and that, in consequence, he will quit the Irish Office. At present he is only 'lent' by the Indian Office to the Irish Office, and it is thought that there is pressing work awaiting his attention in India. Meanwhile there is being erected in Lucknow a statue to commemorate his six years of office as Lieutenant-Governor. It has cost £1800, and has been subscribed for by all creeds and races.

It is not often that 'T.P.' makes any personal revelations, especially of a political nature. But at the Philadelphia Convention he went so far as to say a few words which ought to still more endear him to the Irish in Britain and to be sufficient answer to those who have questioned his bona-fides as an Irish Nationalist. He said: 'Allusion has been made by more than one speaker to the fact that I have been for a great many years president of the United Irish League of Great Britain. I believe I have been elected twenty-four times, and I have presided over twenty-three annual conventions. There is no position of which I am half so proud as that of president of the United Irish League of Great Britain, and I will tell you why. I was always an Irish Nationalist. My grandfather fought at Vinegar Hill, and my father was in the '48 movement, and it would be strange indeed if I were not also an Irish Nationalist. And it was in England my Nationalist spirit first became really ardent. There are few towns in Britain that I have not visited. And let me tell you that if you want to be trained in ferocity in Irish National zeal you had better spend a few years in England or Scotland.'

It is long since (says the 'Catholic Times') the Catholic Church in this country lost such a valuable exponent of her social mission as Mr. Charles Stanton Devas. We do not, indeed, remember the name of any writer who equalled him in the field of his labors. Mr. Devas saw many years ago the growing importance of social problems and their bearing on religious life. His psychological studies, in which he displayed so much acumen, his investigations of the science of political economy, and his other intellectual exertions all converged on this subject, and of the thoughts to which they gave rise he may be said to have presented a beautiful synthesis in his last work, 'The Key to the World's Progress.' Following Newman as guide, he explains in it how in the course of civilisation the Church has ever been moulding society for the better to the benefit of man, and how she has acted as the undying torch-bearer, dissipating the darkness of our mortal life. And how deep is the love he manifests for her, 'the loving Mother of us all,' who may be thrust aside in the hour of prosperity, but is the ever-ready refuge, to whom those can turn whose burdens are heavy, whose hopes are shattered, whose days are drawing to a close, whose hearts are aching with irremediable sorrow. In this hour of sorrow his friends may take comfort at the thought of a sterling faith proof against the sting of death.

Mr. William Dillon, brother of Mr. John Dillon, M.P., is (as we learn from Chicago exchanges) a candidate for the office of Associate Judge of the Municipal Court of that city, on the Independent, non-partisan ticket, and has been selected for the post by a committee of the Chicago Bar. Mr. Dillon was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in the month of July, 1850. When he was only about six years old his father returned with his family to Ireland. He received his general education at a private college in Dublin, and at the Catholic University, of which Dr. (afterwards Cardinal) Newman was the first rector. He received his legal education in London and Dublin, and practised for some six or seven years as a barrister at the Irish Bar. In 1880, his health having broken down, he was obliged to relinquish his practice in Dublin and went to the United States. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in that year, and after a short stay in Chicago went on to Colorado, where he was also admitted to the Bar. After living for some years on a ranch he resumed the practice of the law, and was County Attorney for the county in which he lived in Colorado for several years. In 1893 he returned to Chicago, and from the spring of 1894 to the autumn of 1902 he was editor of the 'New World.' In the autumn of 1902 he resigned the editorship of the 'New World,' and since then has devoted himself exclusively to the practice of law.