

Irish News

ANTRIM—Fire at Ballymena

Damage to the extent of £8000 was done by fire to the premises of Messrs. F. Craig and Sons, drapers, Ballymena, on Sunday night, January 20.

CLARE—The Need of Unity

An important letter from Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, was read at a meeting in Ennis, which was addressed by Mr. William Redmond, M.P. Dr. Fogarty, in the course of the letter, wrote that it would be disastrous for Ireland if anything or anybody were allowed to impair the efficiency and solidarity of their Parliamentary Party. Even a friendly Government, such as the present Government seemed to be, would not try to give them all they wanted unless there was a strong National Party on the spot to instruct, to insist, or, if needs be, to compel.

DONEGAL—A Catholic Orphanage

Bundoran, County Donegal, has been selected as the site of the Catholic Orphanage to be erected from the fund of £50,000 left by the late Sarah Crudden, County Fermanagh.

DOWN—Elected Prior

The Very Rev. J. M. Moore, O.P., Cork, has been selected Prior of St. Catherine's (Dominican) Church, Newry, in the room of the Very Rev. D. B. Falvey, O.P., who has held office for the past nine years.

DUBLIN—A Supporter of the Gaelic League

The remains of Mr. David Comyn, a lifelong and ceaseless worker for the revival of the language and literature of Ireland, were laid to rest in Glasnevin on January 24. Deceased, who was an esteemed official of the National Bank, labored night and day to advance the cause which he had at heart. He was a prominent member of the 'Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language,' and the author of valuable works in Irish.

Death of a Priest

The death took place on January 24, at an advanced age of Rev. C. P. Nolan, late chaplain to St. Joseph's, Portland-row, Dublin. Deceased, who was widely esteemed, officiated in Arklow, Swords, Finglas, and other parishes, before his appointment to St. Joseph's, a position which he filled for many years. Owing to feeble health he resigned active duty some time ago.

A Memorial

On January 29 a beautiful memorial tablet to the memory of Sir Samuel Ferguson, poet, scholar, and antiquary, and his wife, Lady Ferguson, was unveiled in St. Patrick's Cathedral in the presence of a numerous assemblage, which included the Lord Lieutenant and the Countess of Aberdeen.

Death of a Respected Citizen

The death has occurred of Mr. Denis Cogan, Inchicore, Dublin. The deceased gentleman, who had attained the great age of eighty-eight years, was the father of the Rev. J. J. Cogan, O.C.C., Prior of the Carmelite Order, Port Adelaide, and also of Mr. D. J. Cogan, M.P., and Mr. J. M. Cogan, T.C.

A Distinction

At the request of Ms Grace the Archbishop of Dublin the honor of Knighthood in the Order of St. Gregory the Great has been conferred by the Holy Father upon Mr. John Rochford, Strand-road, Sandymount, in recognition of his zealous and efficient discharge of the duties of hon. secretary to the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland.

Total Abstinence League

Rev. Father Cullen, S.J., addressed a large gathering of the members of the Pioneer Catholic Total Abstinence League in St. Francis Xavier's Church, Dublin, on January 14. In the course of his address the reverend gentleman said the association was established eight years ago. The present circumstances of Ireland should afford them joy. Their progress was marvellous. From every quarter—north, south, east, and west—the cheering intelligence of triumph came. It conveyed an assurance that the scope of the pioneer endeavor was beginning to be thoroughly understood and appreciated. In response to the Pioneers' activity the membership of the association was rapidly approaching 72,000. Considering the stringency of the rules and that

they had only entered on their work, the result might be described as most satisfactory. Members were forbidden the use of all alcoholic drinks, and any one who broke the rule had to undergo a probation of two years before being admitted a Pioneer.

KERRY—Death of a Popular Lady

Lady O'Connell, daughter of the late Rear-Admiral Sir Richard O'Connor, K.C.B., and widow of the late Sir Maurice O'Connell, Bart., died at her residence, Lake View, Killarney. She was a most generous benefactor to the poor. The funeral cortege on January 25 included a large portion of Sir Morgan O'Connell's tenantry, as well as many representatives of the public, among whom were the Earl of Kenmare and the Very Rev. M. Fuller, Adm., Killarney. The chief mourners were Sir Morgan O'Connell, son; Mr. Daniel O'Connell, Derrynane, and Mr. Maunsel Hickey, Tipperary.

MAYO—Fire at the Foxford Mills

A fire which broke out on January 23 at the famous woollen mills, Foxford, County Mayo, did considerable damage to one of the most worthy undertakings in the country. Some fifteen years ago the Sisters of Charity started these now widely-known mills with the sole object of providing work for the people of the district, one of the poorest in all Connaught. Despite many obstacles that at the time seemed almost insurmountable, the nuns succeeded in their philanthropic undertaking, which is conducted on sound business lines and employs some one hundred and fifty hands. It can easily be imagined what consternation the burning, even partially, of the mills caused in the locality. Fortunately the damage is not as large as at first thought, and work will be resumed in a short time. The nuns have the sympathy of many friends and supporters at both sides of the Channel.

MEATH—A Presentation

On January 23 a deputation consisting of Messrs. James Flynn, J.P.; Edward M'Glynn, Joseph Byrne, and Patrick M'Glynn, representing the people of the united parishes of Clara and Horseleap, waited on the Rev. C. V. Crinion, Adm., Ardeath, County Meath, and presented him with a beautiful illuminated address to mark the good relations that existed between them during the ten years that Father Crinion resided in Clara as curate of the parish.

MONAGHAN—The Commission of the Peace

On the recommendation of the Right Hon. Lord Rossmore, H.M.L. for the County of Monaghan, the Lord Chancellor has appointed the following gentlemen on the Commission of the Peace for the County of Monaghan:—Messrs. William Black, Ballyleck, Monaghan; Robert Black, Gels, Monaghan; William Mills, Ballybay; Dr. W. Canning, Rockcorry; Philip Duffy, Convooy, Ballybay; Dr. P. M'Kenna, Carrickmacross; John M'Kenna, Patrick Duffy, Castleblayney; Peter Hughes, Lowart, Glasscough; and Owen Finlay, Tullygillen, Monaghan. The three first-named gentlemen are Protestants and the remainder are Catholics.

TYRONE—Parliamentary Election

The by-election to fill the vacancy in the parliamentary representation of North Tyrone, caused by the elevation of Sergeant Dodd to the Judicial Bench, took place last week. Mr. Redmond Barry, Solicitor-General for Ireland, Nationalist, was elected by a majority of seven votes over his opponent, Mr. D. Henry, a Catholic Unionist. At the general election Sergeant Dodd beat Mr. Henry by 9 votes. The total of the votes polled on this occasion was 96 more than at the previous contest.

GENERAL

The Work of the Irish Party

In the appeal by the Irish Party for funds, which is signed by the Right Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, Mr. John Redmond, and Alderman O'Mara, Limerick, a review of the work done in 1906 includes mention of the Laborers' Act, the Town Tenants' Bill, and new regulations to facilitate the work of reinstating evicted tenants. This appeal emphasises the necessity of a strong and united front at Westminster, and states that 'it would be vain to hope that the Party could be manned by members who would truly voice the wants of Ireland if the representation were left to men who could defray their own expenses.' The character of the measure of self-government to be submitted during the coming session will depend, says the appeal, on the support given to the Party by the country.