

Irish News

CORK—Presentation of an Address

The past and present pupils of the Christian Brothers' College, Cork, presented an address to Rev. Brother P. L. O'Connell, who lately left for Liverpool to take up his duties in the institution which is under the control of his Order there. The address voiced sentiments of admiration for Brother O'Connell as an educationist in the higher sense, and as a teacher who manifested an almost fatherly interest in his pupils.

DOWN—The New Bishop

A Reuter's telegram from Rome states that the Very Rev. John Tohill, pastor of Cushendall, has been appointed Bishop of Down and Connor. Father Tohill is now in his 53rd year, having been born in December, 1855. His birth-place was Gortmacrane, in the Parish of Tamlacht-O'Crilly, County Derry, and he comes of highly-respected Catholic stock. After a course of classics in Tigarvil, he entered St. Malachy's College, and soon after he went to Maynooth, where, on September 21, 1878, he entered the class of first year's Theology. During his collegiate course he passed brilliant examinations, and at all times displayed a remarkable aptitude for Theological study, in which he was eminently successful.

DUBLIN—Historical Associations

The reference, writes a correspondent in the Dublin 'Freeman's Journal,' to Daniel O'Connell's piano may render it of interest to know that several musical instruments of historical associations are in the City of Dublin. A harp of great antiquity, commonly known as the harp of Brian Boru, is in the Library of Trinity College. A harp on which Thomas Moore himself played is preserved in the Royal Irish Academy, in Dawson street, in a room filled with relics of Moore, including a piano on which he accompanied his own songs. An organ in the gallery of the Examination Hall of Trinity College, Dublin, was presented to that institution by the Duke of Ormond, who was the Chancellor of the Universities of Oxford and Dublin. It was taken from a vessel captured by the Duke in a naval engagement with the Spanish fleet at Vibo in 1702. The organ in St. Michan's Protestant Church and the organ in the chapel of the Blue Coat Hospital, to which it was brought from St. Paul Protestant Church, were both played on by Handel during his stay in Dublin. Another organ on which Handel played was long in the house, 64 Eccles street, which was in the seventies of the last century the residence of Isaac Butt. It is now in the possession of Col. Johnston, of Newtown, Market-hill, County Armagh.

The Bank of Ireland

In the current issue of the 'New Ireland Review' the treatment of Catholics by the Bank of Ireland is described. The writer of a trenchant article sums up their position in that great institution as follows:—(1) There are fifteen directors of the bank. Of these twelve are Protestants, three only are Catholics; by law three must be Catholics. (2) In the head office there are twenty-one chief officials, with salaries amounting to £12,000 per annum. Of these, twenty are Protestants, who receive in annual salaries about £11,625; one is a Catholic, with a salary of £375. (3) In the sixty-seven country branches there are fifty-seven Protestant to ten Catholic agents (managers). The Protestant agents receive in salaries about £22,750; the Catholics about £3225. (4) In the same country branches there are fifty-five Protestant to twelve Catholic sub-agents. (5) Among the humbler servants of the bank themselves there is the same singular disparity of numbers between Protestants and Catholics.

Emancipation of the Masses

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Catholic University School Union, the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M., referring to the new University, said that he regarded it as an emancipation of the masses from the oppression of centuries. For centuries they were suffering from educational starvation; and they of the Church had certainly done their best in the effort to provide a remedy. Of the new scheme he would say, in the words of the poet:

'Be to its faults a little blind,
And to its virtues wondrous kind.'

Let them hope; they were long living in hope, as they were now on the borderland of fruition, that the new University before

them would train their youth and force them to the forefront for every opening that was for them in this country. Whatever high future attends the new University, it is our pride to note at this embryonic stage that the old school—the Catholic University School—has given of its best products—men of light and leading, men of culture and character—to usher into being, and to speed on its career of national usefulness, a University that shall be racy of the soil and instinct with national life—a monument in all the ages, as we hope, to the long, persistent, indefeasible demands of the Irish Nation. *Esto perpetua.*

KERRY—No Criminal Business

A pair of white gloves was presented to County Court Judge Shaw at the Tralee Summer Quarter Sessions, there being no criminal cases for trial.

LIMERICK—Religion in the City

During a recent retreat of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Family, Limerick, 6250 members received Holy Communion, a fact which speaks well for the flourishing condition of religion in the city.

A Happy Introduction

At the Limerick Summer Quarter Sessions the new County Court Judge, Mr. Law Smith, was welcomed and presented with white gloves, there being no criminal business for him to do—a happy introduction to the county.

The late Father Casey

The sum of £500 has already been subscribed towards a memorial to the late Father Casey, Abbeyfeale.

A Friend of the Poor and Needy

At a recent board meeting of the Irish Co-operative Agency Society, held at Limerick, Captain Coghlan, J.P., presiding, it was resolved: 'That it was with feelings of the deepest regret we heard of Lady Monteagle's death, and we desire to take this the first opportunity of tendering to our president our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the bereavement he and his family have sustained by the death of one who was universally esteemed, and whose life was devoted to helping every good cause, but more especially where the poor and needy of Ireland were concerned.'

WEXFORD—A Memorial of Ninety-eight

The Enniscomrthy '98 Memorial Committee brought their work to a conclusion on May 31 by the unveiling of the monument in the Market Square. The town was profusely decorated, and from an early hour the streets were thronged by a large number of people, who came from the surrounding districts. The erection of the memorial is the outcome of the '98 celebration, ten years ago, when, among many, there was one on Vinegar Hill. A site on the Market Square was selected, and it was decided that the monument should take the form of a statue in which Father John Murphy should be represented. The artist to whom the work was entrusted was Mr. Oliver Sheppard. The pedestal bears only the inscription '1798,' is of limestone, and the total height of the monument is 22ft, the cost being £800.

TIPPERARY—Good Advice

At his triennial visitation in the Parish of Golden, County Tipperary, the Archbishop, addressing the people, said that the transference of the land from the landlord to the occupiers was, in his opinion, the only solution of the agrarian question. If at all possible tenants should purchase under the Land Act of 1903, and having purchased should use all their energies and enterprise in improving their farms. The land is most just. Every shilling spent in improvement is returned a hundred fold. The people should work the land with energy, should cultivate industry, thrift, and temperance, and the result would be prosperity. Ireland, owing to its climate, its picturesque scenery, and the social qualities of its people, was the best country to live in, and from a religious point of view the best country to die in. Let them get hold of the land; work it for all it is worth, and very soon that parish, and Ireland as a whole, would have a prosperous population equal in numbers to what it was before the famine days.

TYRONE—A Centenarian

According to the Belfast Evening Telegraph, Mr. Thomas Kelly, Lurganboy, County Tyrone, who has attained the age of 107, mounted a ladder recently and repaired the thatched roof of his cottage.

WESTMEATH—Death of a Priest

The Very Rev. Thomas Murray, parish priest of Ballymore, died on May 22, after a protracted illness. The deceased

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