

Irish News

ARMAGH—The Cardinal's Return

Cardinal Logue left America for Ireland on Sunday, June 7, on board the Campania, after a round of visits, interviews, and speeches, in which he has said many flattering things of Americans, illuminated by kindly wit and humor. He was called upon by Mr. Rockefeller, with whom he has been photographed. Where the Cardinal has been critical of the tendencies of this country (says 'The Times' correspondent) he has pointed to the luxurious living and the alarming increase in the number of divorces as being its greatest menace. All the honor which is his due as a prince of the Catholic Church has been paid him.

CARLOW—White Gloves

His Honor Judge Brereton Barry, K.C., opened the Trinity Quarter Sessions for the County of Carlow on June 8. Mr. Norris Goddard, Crown Solicitor, said he had no criminal business to bring before his Honor. His Honor: 'It shows the very satisfactory state of the county. I think it is a year since I had a criminal case to try. That shows the very quiet condition of the county.' Mr. Robert Thorp, Sub-Sheriff, then presented his Honor with a pair of white gloves.

CLARE—The Bishop and the Irish Party

The Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, has sent £5. as his subscription to the funds of the Irish Parliamentary Party, 'who, in the face of great and most disheartening difficulties, continue to serve their country well and wisely.'

DOWN—Church Progress In Australia

In the course of a lecture on Australia in Newry on June 8, Mr. W. Redmond, M.P., said: 'There is no chapter in the history of the Catholic Church more interesting than the chapter which deals with Australia. The progress is simply marvellous. A hundred years ago the Catholic Church in Australia consisted of a comparatively few persecuted convicts, mostly without a priest; and even when they had a priest he was hunted and persecuted like themselves. The Catholic Church then was the rough-hewn cabin of a faithful Irish settler. That was more than a hundred years ago. To-day Australia has at least half a million Catholics in Sydney and Melbourne. And in all the other great centres and throughout the land generally there are cathedrals and churches of exceeding magnificence, and everywhere upon all sides there are Catholic schools, colleges, and institutions such as any nation, even the oldest in the world, might be proud of.'

DUBLIN—A Venerable Voter

At Dundrum, during the course of the election for the County Councillorship, an interesting incident occurred in the appearance of an old lady, Mrs. Brien, of Rosemount, who, despite her age of 104 years, took a very lively interest in the contest, and walked down to the booth to record her vote for the candidate of her choice.

Clongowes College

The annual meeting of the Clongowes Union was held on June 7 in that well-known college, Lord Chief Baron Palles in the chair. As usual, there was a large gathering of members and their friends, who on arrival were received by the Very Rev. M. Devitt, S.J., Rector, and hospitably entertained. In proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector and Fathers of the Community, the Lord Chief Baron paid a warm tribute to them for the excellence of their work. Whilst proposals with regard to education were being made by Governments and rejected, suggestions being made by Royal Commissions and not carried out, there was, he said, one body that always stood the same and immovable, whose policy and whose action in reference to Catholic education never changed, and that body was the Society of Jesus. To his mind the existence of Clongowes Wood College had been a most material factor in bringing to the front the great question of Catholic higher education. Father Devitt, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, expressed the deepest gratitude for the Chief Baron's many acts of kindness in the past and for the beautiful and touching words which he had just spoken.

Death of a Religious

The death of Mother Mary Scholastica Geary, Superioress of Jarvis Street Hospital (writes a Dublin correspondent), at the age of sixty-two, will be widely mourned. Deceased, who be-

longed to an old Cork family, joined the Order of Mercy at an early age, and ever since devoted her life to the work of ministering to the sick in the various establishments with which she was connected. The early part of her religious life was spent in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, after which she was transferred to St. Michael's, Kingstown, and given full control of it, with most gratifying results. Some twenty years ago she came to Jarvis Street Hospital, one of the busiest in the city, where she worked almost unceasingly ever since, with the result that the institution now ranks amongst the very best in the country. Her funeral took place on June 6 from the Mater Hospital, as did also that of Mother Margaret Mary Malone, Superioress of Beaumont, Drumcondra. As the coffins were borne to the hearses in waiting, a large number of students lined the corridor leading from the chapel to the front entrance of the hospital, and a great number of citizens followed the remains to Golden Bridge Cemetery.

A Well Known Citizen

Mr. John Harrington, J.P., died on June 4, at an advanced age, in Blackrock, County Dublin. He had been for many years a director of the 'Freeman's Journal.' Mr. Harrington in his younger days engaged largely in the cattle trade, in which he amassed a large fortune. His firm was one of the first to send supplies to besieged Paris after peace had been proclaimed. A charitable, kindly Irish gentleman, he enjoyed the esteem of all classes, and his death is deeply regretted.

A Training College

With the approval of his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, the Dominican nuns have decided to open a Training College for women as secondary and university teachers at Eccles Street. The curriculum will embrace a wide range of subjects dealing with the theory and practice of teaching, and the students will practise in St. Mary's University College, and the Dominican College, which are attended by over four hundred pupils.

Lady Candidates

Lady candidates did remarkably well at the Poor-Law elections in North and South Dublin. Not alone did they hold their own, but, despite uncalled-for opposition, they increased their number at both boards.

Satisfactory State of City and County

Mr. Justice Dodd tendered his congratulations to the Grand Juries for the City and County of Dublin on June 2 at the opening of the Commission. His Lordship commented on the fact that offences against persons were almost entirely absent, and that there was not a single case of malicious injury to property in the county.

The New University and Maynooth College

Mr. John Redmond, speaking in Committee on the Irish Universities Bill, with reference to a proposal by Mr. Hutton to exclude Maynooth College from affiliation to the Dublin University, said they protested against imposing on these new universities restrictions which are not put upon similar universities in England. Neither in Birmingham nor in Liverpool were there such restrictions; yet while Mr. Hutton and his friends said they wished to set up a free University, they wished to impose upon Ireland a condition which they did not regard as necessary in England. They had no right to deal differently with Ireland. Why was this proposed? He had no doubt that what was in the mind of Mr. Hutton was not the danger of affiliating pettifogging colleges, but the danger of affiliating Maynooth. For his (Mr. Redmond's) part, he was convinced that there was nothing more important for the future of Ireland than that the Catholic priesthood should have the advantage of a University education.—(Hear, hear.) It would be good for themselves and good for the country, but if this proposal were carried they would be depriving them of that advantage. At present, under the Royal University, they could obtain and were obtaining their degrees, and to deprive them of this opportunity was an inconsistent and impossible position to take up. Personally, he should like to see the priests coming up to Dublin and taking their degrees, but that would mean a heavy financial burthen. Then it was said that if Maynooth were affiliated the new University would be swamped by priests. Let him point out that the new University would already start with some 1500 graduates of the Royal University, of whom about a quarter were Protestants, and only about a hundred priests, for it was only lately the Maynooth students had entered the University. That being so, was it not ridiculous to say that the new University would be swamped. In his opinion, the proper way was to leave the matter free.