

Irish News

ANTRIM—A Sign of the Times

The editors of the magazine issued by the students of the Belfast University are not alarmed at the democratic character of the Senate as some of their more conservative elders are, for they say: 'We have little interest in the discussion as to whether scholastic philosophy or the Irish language should have a place in the new curriculum. By the appointment of a lecturer in Irish, we do not consider ourselves handed over, body and soul, to Maynooth or the Vatican. On the contrary, we welcome any appointments which will induce the youth of Donegal or Mayo to our midst, attracted by the thought of hearing the sound of their native tongue, and ingenuous and ready enough to join with us in promoting the welfare and urging on the fame of our University.'

CARLOW—Cardinal Moran Thanked

A large and influential meeting of the people of Leighlinbridge, County Carlow, has been held in the reading room of the local branch of the Young Men's Society to attest their gratitude to Cardinal Moran for his generosity in establishing and endowing a Convent of the Sisters of Mercy in his native place. On the motion of the Rev. J. Coylee, P.P., who presided, a resolution expressive of the gratitude of the parishioners was passed.

CORK—A Venerable Religious

In the North Cork Infirmary there took place recently the death of Rev. Mother Teresa O'Callaghan, of the Nursing Order attached to that institution. Deceased, who was a nonagenarian, had been ailing for a considerable time, so that her demise was not unexpected. Much sympathy is extended to her brother, the Rev. M. O'Callaghan, an esteemed member of the Vincentian Order at Sunday's Well, who has also reached a ripe old age.

Educational Appointment

Miss Margaret Josephine Bourke, B.A., daughter of the Recorder of Cork, Science Mistress, County Secondary School for Girls, Folkestone, has been appointed Lady Inspector of Irish National Schools.

A Genenous Benefactor

Captain William Henry Rushbrooke, who is the owner of the greater part of the town of Queenstown, and up to recently the owner of a big tract of agricultural land, signalled the coming of age of his son, Lieutenant Philip Rushbrooke, on June 19, by a memorable gift to the township, consisting of a cheque, payable to the Bishop of Cloyne, for £500, and a magnificent free site of land adjacent to the Cathedral, for 900 years free of rent, for the purpose of erecting a suitable home for the Nursing Sisters of the Poor of the town, a project which was recently launched with the most magnificent results by the Bishop. The erection of this structure will cost £2000, but the aid given by Captain Rushbrooke has given it most encouraging support, as the scheme when complete will greatly assist the sick poor and be of incalculable benefit to the township generally, the idea being that all classes of the poor generally shall be ministered to and nursed in their own homes by the Nursing Sisters, who are already doing valuable work in that respect. The Rushbrooke school children were also entertained at Church Bay, Crosshaven, where they were given a delightful day's outing at Captain Rushbrooke's expense. Whilst so assembled, in the midst of their enjoyment, they telegraphed their congratulations to himself and his son on the happy events of the day. Other telegrams were despatched to Captain and Mrs. Rushbrooke during the day congratulating them on the attainment to the years of manhood of their son.

DOWN—Death of a Newry Man

The death of Mr. R. H. Doherty, a highly respected resident of Newry, took place at Warrenpoint on June 19, in the 77th year of his age. The deceased gentleman was for over forty years the energetic clerk of Newry. On October 5 last he resigned office on pension. He was then made the recipient of an address and a well-filled purse of sovereigns in recognition of his services to the town and the esteem in which he was held by the inhabitants of all creeds and classes, by whom his demise is deeply regretted. The late Mr. Doherty was a member of the Warrenpoint Urban Council. The deceased was born in Lurgan in July, 1831.

DUBLIN—Maynooth College

On June 20, the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, ordained in the Maynooth College Chapel 61 students to the priesthood. All of them except one were stu-

dents of the college. The impressive ceremony was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends. On the previous Saturday the defence for the Licentiate'ship in Theology was made by the two distinguished students who were candidates for the honor—the Rev. Edmund O'Donnell, B.D., B.C.L., Diocese of Cashel, and the Rev. Cornelius Cremin, B.D., B.C.L., Diocese of Kerry. The examination lasted for two hours. Immediately afterwards the Faculty of Theology held a meeting, and decided that as the result of their answering the Degree should be awarded to each of the candidates.

Maynooth Union

The annual general meeting of the Maynooth Union was held on Wednesday, June 23, in the college, his Eminence Cardinal Logue presiding. The day's proceedings were ushered in with the celebration of High Mass for the living and deceased members and benefactors of the Union. The papers dealt with the following subjects: 'Fiscal Reform and Ireland,' by Rev. T. A. Finlay, S.J.; 'The Problem of the Poor,' by Rev. P. Daly, Adm., Mullingar; 'The Spirit of Irresponsibility in Public Life,' by Rev. J. Kelleher, L.D., St. John's College, Waterford; 'Co-operation,' by the Rev. J. Meehan, C.C., Mullagh, Kells; and 'The Gaelic Language in Connacht,' by Very Rev. Thomas Macken, Tuam. The last-mentioned paper was in the Irish language, and the discussion which followed was conducted likewise in the sweet tongue of the Gael, a fact which goes to show that the language revival movement has no more practical supporters than the clergy.

The Hierarchy and Primary Education

The Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland held their annual June meeting at Maynooth College on June 22, his Eminence Cardinal Logue presiding. Two resolutions were adopted. One advocated, with the Central Council of the Catholic Clerical Managers' Association, a larger grant for schools in necessitous areas, and endorsed a resolution of that association by which the managers pledged themselves to bear half the cost of heating and cleaning the schools on condition that the Treasury paid for the other half. The second resolution pointed out that the remedy for the unpreparedness of many pupils of the primary schools for entrance into technical schools lies in a proper use of the present primary day school facilities, supplemented by evening schools specially organised in the cities and towns and conducted by the Board of National Education.

Women's Franchise League

On Saturday evening, June 19, a meeting under the auspices of the Irish Women's Franchise League was held in the Phoenix Park. An orange and green banner, with the inscription, 'Votes for Women,' was displayed at the meeting. The attitude of the audience was sympathetic. Members of the League sold badges and distributed leaflets amongst the crowd.

KERRY—Boating Fatality

A sad boating disaster occurred on the evening of June 23 on the Lower Lake, Killarney, which was unhappily attended by the loss of eleven lives—nine tourists and two boatmen. The party were returning from the Gap of Dunloe in one of Cook's four-oared boats, which was in charge of four very experienced boatmen. The weather was boisterous at the time, and on reaching a spot between Darby's Garden and Burn Island the unfortunate accident occurred, but what precisely did happen is not exactly known. It appears that a huge wave struck the boat, swamping it, and all the occupants were thrown into the water. The boat righted itself after some time, and Michael Leary and Michael Lynch, boatmen, clung on to the craft until assistance arrived, and they were rescued. A gentleman and lady clung to an oar for some time, but ultimately went down. A boat manned by boatmen set out from the Mines and rescued Lynch and Leary, but could find no trace of any of the others. The two boatmen drowned were Cornelius Gleeson (married) and Cornelius Looney (unmarried).

LIMERICK—A Papal Distinction

His Holiness the Pope has been pleased to nominate Sir Vincent Nash, D.L., Tivoli, Limerick, Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

Only Suspicions

An inmate of the Limerick Workhouse named Alcock, who was a member of the Irish Protestant Episcopal Church, having become a Catholic on his death-bed, a sworn inquiry into the matter was held, as the Protestant Dean preferred the charge of undue influence. At the inquiry the Dean, who was unwell, was represented by the Rev. Mr. Adderly, and that gentleman admitted that there were no proofs for the charge, but only suspicions. The master of the Workhouse and others testified that Alcock had of himself asked to see a priest.