

# Irish News

## ARMAGH—Parliamentary Honors

As was called at the time, Dr. Neill, a sterling Irish Nationalist residing in Coatbridge, Scotland, was returned in South Armagh by a sweeping majority over his opponent Mr. Best, B.P., a Dublin Unionist. The successful candidate won for freedom and fair play for people of every creed and class, while the defeated aspirant for parliamentary honors represented the most reactionary type of Orangism. It is evidently the Order that flourished so long on the promotion of religious strife has fallen on evil times, even in its Ulster headquarters for many long years.

## DUBLIN—An Aero Club

An Aero Club was formally established in Dublin the other day (says the *Irish Weekly*), and now comes the news that a Dublin-born man, Mr. McDonnell, has perfected a model of an engine machine which will leave Bleriot behind and Faulkner behind when it is built on a larger scale. We learn that the chief feature of the invention lies in the engine. There are eight engines combined in one, but these can all be worked separately and independently. This is a great improvement on other machinery as the risk against the engines stopping at the wrong time is avoided. All the eight engines may be necessary to make the machine rise, but four can be used whilst flying and these alternately, so there is no chance of the work becoming over-heated. Hitherto their engines have been the principal cause of trouble to practical aviators. It is the Dublin man does for aviation what his compatriot, Mr. Dunlop, achieved for bicycle-riding by the invention of the pneumatic tyre—we hope this country will not lose the benefits of his ingenuity.

## FERMANAGH—An Appreciation

During a meeting of the County Fermanagh Industrial Exhibition Committee, held in Enniskillen, to elect a treasurer instead of Rev. James F. McKenna, M.R.I.A., who has been appointed Administrator of the important parish of Dromore, County Tyrone, a letter of apology for non-attendance, owing to ill-health, was read from Very Rev. Charles F. O'venden, Protestant Dean of Clogher. The rev. gentleman in the course of the letter, said that not only the committee, but all Fermanagh, owed a debt of gratitude to Father McKenna which was incalculable. Through his self-denying and indefatigable work he had raised the position of the poor of all denominations throughout the county. In all his dealings Father McKenna had proved himself to be a gentleman of the highest honor and impartiality. He placed the interests of the people first, and set his manly face against bigotry, intrigue, and intolerance. He would be glad to associate himself with any practical expression of Fermanagh's gratitude to Father McKenna.

## GALWAY—The Archbishop of Tuam

A deputation appointed to organise a testimonial to present to Most Rev. Dr. Healy, to mark the occasion of his silver jubilee, waited upon him recently at the Palace, Tuam, and presented him with a cheque for £230. His Grace expressed his deep gratitude to the laity of the archdiocese and friends outside the archdiocese, for their generous action. The Archbishop intends, out of the presentation, to secure a replica of the ancient cross of Cong, and other standing memorials, and the work is to be retained in the Cathedral.

## The Education of Girls

The Bishop of Galway paid his first formal visit to the Dominican Convent, Galway, on November 9, and, replying to an address, said:—You, nearest to the University College brings the inestimable advantage in the new conditions of Irish University life that you will henceforth be brought into intimate touch with the best University culture, for in time I hope your teachers will all have had the benefit of a University training, professors of the University will come here to give occasional lectures, and your whole atmosphere will be permeated by University influences. I congratulate you on these advantages, and I have no doubt that, successful as you have been in the past, a future of even wider and more brilliant success awaits you, and that this college is destined to become one of the most flourishing centres of higher education in Ireland. It has flourished with satisfaction that you have already opened a hostel for the accommodation of women students in the University College and that you have decided to erect, at large cost, extensive additional buildings for this purpose. I cannot now discuss how far a University education is desirable for girls. For some I regard it as almost essential—I mean for those who propose to give their lives to teaching, whether in this or any other part of the world, or to take up and follow any of the more noble professions that may be suitable to their sex. For others, too, whose aim is for fortune or to a distinguished role in life, it may be useful or necessary, provided its aim and spirit be carefully adjusted to that

place in the home and in human life which the dignity and duties of womanhood demand. But whatever may be the thought of its desirability, a University education will be sought by many of the girls of today, and through it an almost profound disbelief in the education of being, the primary proposition, at variance with the truer and deeper view of human character, and I am already condemned by actual experience, yet I recognise, as an inestimable boon to girls who have no alternative, that they should, at least, be provided with a safe and dignified residence, and which should be supreme, and where they should have that constant and cultivated touch of mind with mind and heart with heart, by which University culture is so largely achieved.

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## Episcopal Silver Jubilee

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## LONGFORD—A Popular Welcome

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## MAYO—Dangers of a Whaling Station

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