

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—The Hero of Ladysmith.—The people of Ballymena are taking steps towards presenting General Sir George White with an address and testimonial in recognition of his defence of Ladysmith.

Orange Rowdism in Belfast.—On Sunday evening, April 8, an Orange mob made a most determined and wanton attack on a man named Patrick Kearney, in Brown street, Belfast. It appears that Kearney, who is a Catholic, was passing through the street named from Carrick Hill wearing palm in his coat. When he had proceeded about half way up the street a large number of men and boys cursed the Pope and the 'Papistes,' and set upon Kearney, whom they stoned and followed as far as Hassings street. Here Kearney, who was hard pressed by the pursuing mob, met some police, whom he complained to, and who at once charged the crowd back again to Brown street. In their efforts to stone Kearney the mob smashed a number of windows in the street. No arrests were made. Kearney was not much injured, which was fortunately due to the timely intervention of the police.

CLARE.—Death of a Centenarian.—It is left but to few to live to 110 years, the great age at which Mr. John Guerin, a farmer residing at Ahabog, recently passed to his reward. He was a native of Ballyear, near Ballyunion, where he spent the first 60 years of his life. In his youth he was over six feet six inches in height. He leaves a widow who is herself just bordering on 100 years.

Death of Baron Inchiquin.—Edward Donough O'Brien, fourteenth Baron Inchiquin, died on Sunday, April 8, at his residence, Dromoland Castle, near Ennis, after a few weeks' illness. The deceased, who was 61 years of age, was a representative peer and Lord-Lieutenant of Clare. Lord Inchiquin was a nephew of William Smith O'Brien, and a collateral descendant of the Kings of Thomond.

DERRY.—Illicit Distilling.—At the Innisrush Petty Sessions recently, before Messrs. McMeekin and Courtney, justices, Thomas Downing, for illicit distilling, was fined £20; John Donnelly, £6; James Black, £6; Robert Workman, £6; James Boggs, £6; James McCloy, £6.

DOWN.—Death whilst under Chloroform.—While undergoing an operation in the Newry Hospital, a young man named James Hegan was placed under chloroform. He died under the influence of the drug, strenuous exertions to restore animation having failed.

DUBLIN.—A Peculiar Claim.—The Ritualistic campaign inaugurated by some of the members of the congregation of St. Bartholomew's Church, Dublin, has had rather a curious sequel. A large brass cross, which formed the centre of much agitation, has been stolen and the rector, the Rev. Canon Smith, has put in a presentment for the next Kilmissham Sessions for £26 for 'breaking, injuring, and destroying' of the said cross.

The Catholic University Medical School.—At a meeting of the governing body of the Catholic University School of Medicine, Cecilia street, Dublin, Dr. George Carroll was nominated to the commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps, placed at the disposal of the governors by the Secretary of State for War. At the same meeting Mr. Kevin E. O'Duffy, L.D.S., was elected lecturer on dentistry in the Medical School of the Catholic University.

The Duke of Connaught and the Shamrock.—On his way to the Railway Terminus last afternoon (says a Dublin paper, April 7) his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught called at the establishment of Mr. W. B. Hartland, in Patrick street, and asked to see Mr. Hartland. In the course of the conversation that followed his Royal Highness expressed his appreciation of the gift which Mr. Hartland recently made of shamrock seed to be sown on the graves of the Irish soldiers who had fallen in the war. The Duke further expressed the great pleasure it gave him to have an opportunity of putting Mr. Hartland's very thoughtful suggestion into effect, and said that no one admired the heroism of the Irish soldiers more than he did. The visit to Mr. Hartland's was entirely unexpected, and it attracted much attention from the crowds in the street.

A Royal Visit to the Children's Hospital.—On Tuesday, April 10, Princess Henry of Battenberg, Princess Eugenie of Battenberg, and the Duchess of Connaught visited the Children's Hospital, Temple street, Dublin. The Royal party were received by the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Canea; the Superioress of the Order of the Sisters of Charity (Mrs. Hodgson), Dr. More Madden, senior consulting physician, and the only survivor of the original founders; Dr. Michael F. Cox, consulting physician; Dr. Michael O'Sullivan, Dr. John H. Davys, Dr. More O'Farrell, Dr. John Lestaigne, Dr. Denis Kennedy, Dr. King Joyce, Dr. James A. Whelan (registrars), Dr. Herbert C. Mooney, and Mr. Jos. O'Malley Moore (secretary).

Characteristics of the Metropolis.—Belfast folk (says the *Irish Weekly*) are apt to claim for their city the title of real capital of Ireland. Their ideal of a capital is a city of money-makers and sweated laborers. Very few English visitors to Belfast ever admit that our city has any of the characteristics of a national capital. Dublin may contain more of the poorer classes, but to the minds of the most casual English correspondents who have been chronicling the Queen's visit, Dublin bears indelibly the birth marks of a capital City. Manchester, one correspondent writes, is twice the size of Dublin, but once you have got outside Market street and Albert Square there is nothing in that huge wilderness to tell you that

you are not in a street of Ashton, Stockport, or any other Lancashire town. Dublin, like the lost heir in the romances, has the strawberry mark of prestige visible before all men. Her fine public buildings include the Castle, which, in the heart of modern Dublin, tells a story, and the Bank of Ireland, where the Lords and Commons of Ireland sat a hundred years ago. In O'Connell street Dublin possesses the finest street in the United Kingdom; in the Phoenix Park she has one of the finest parks in the world. Around St. Stephen's Green are the fine old squares of stately houses where the judges and the Castle officials live; the Mansion House, with its sweeping forecourt and its fine rooms hung with the portraits of dead and forgotten Lords Lieutenant—in all these things she bears the stamp of distinction. Even the slum quarters contribute their testimony. There are old mansions of the early part of the eighteenth century, now converted into tenement houses, in which the carved staircases and wain-cottings tell the same tale. The people, too, (writes the correspondent of the *London Star*), have an 'air' with them, even the humblest. Stop a Leeds man, and what does he know of the history of Yorkshire? But the Irishman has a history and knows it.

GALWAY.—Destructive Fires.—It would seem as if the time-honored description of Galway as 'The City of the Tribes' is to give way to a newer title in the near future. During the past 12 months fire has been industriously demolishing some of the best structures in the town, and a local wag now suggests that the ancient city should be known as 'The City of the Fires.'

KERRY.—He saw the French Fleet in Bantry Bay.—The death of Patrick Hayes, a native of Kerry, at Cardiff, in his 109th year, removes in all probability the last surviving witness of the presence of the French Fleet in Bantry Bay, in December, 1796, when Heche and Wolfe came up to attack the invasion of Ireland. Hayes had a distinct recollection of having seen the French fleet in the Bay when a child between four and five. He was a cattle dealer, and pursued his vocation till he was 90. He was till the last in full possession of his faculties, and was able to read without spectacles.

LIMERICK.—Death of a Limerick Man in the United States.—News has been received in Limerick of the death in Lynn, Massachusetts, of Mr. Daniel Mullen, who left the City of the Violated Treaty 40 years ago. He arrived in America poor and friendless. He had pluck and grit, however, and so well availed of the opportunities that presented themselves at his hand that he became one of the prominent citizens of Lynn, was elected an alderman and a member of the Legislature. He left his family a princely fortune.

MAYO.—The Diocesan Cathedral.—A grand bazaar in aid of the fund for completing the Cathedral of the diocese of Achonry was opened on Easter Monday in St. Mary's Hall, Ballaghaderreen, by the Most Rev. Dr. Lyster, Bishop of the diocese, and was continued during the week. It is stated that the mission to America, on behalf of the fund, undertaken by Father Cawley and Father Henry, has been most successful.

A New Church for Ballyhaunis.—A new church has long been needed in Ballyhaunis, County Mayo, and this want is now about to be supplied by the zeal of the parish priest, Rev. Father Canning, and the generosity of his people. During the past eight years this good priest has done much for religion in the parish, having built a convent and parochial house, in addition to repairing the existing church.

ROSCOMMON.—Death of Mr. James Carlos.—An old and respected County Roscommon man, Mr. James Carlos, of Cloonycarron, Strokestown, died recently, to the great sorrow of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Carlos belonged to one of the oldest and most respected families in the county. He was brother of the late Rev. Luke Carlos, of Ballinacreen.

SLIGO.—The Matronship of the County Infirmary.—By a majority of nine votes to eight, Mrs. Rush, of Temple Mount, Sligo, was elected to the matronship of the Sligo County Infirmary. She received excellent testimonials from, amongst others, the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, the Most Rev. Dr. McCormack, the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, the Most Rev. Dr. Lyster, and the Right Rev. Mgr. McLaughlin, Roscommon.

Clerical Appointment.—The Most Rev. Dr. Lyster, Bishop of Achonry, has promoted Rev. J. J. McDonnell from the curacy of Kilmovee to the pastoral charge of Killaseer, in succession of the late lamented Canon Judge.

TIPPERARY.—Induction of a Parish Priest.—An important ceremony, the induction of the Rev. P. O'Keefe as parish priest, took place recently at Cappawhite. The Very Rev. Canon Cahill, P.P., Tipperary, conducted the ceremony.

GENERAL.

The Late Dr. Joseph Kenny.—The Dublin Corporation and several of the public bodies and societies of the metropolis passed votes of condolence with the relatives of the late Dr. Joseph Kenny. Touching tributes were paid to the deceased as a man, a public servant, and as a Nationalist.

Another Royal Visit.—It is stated on reliable authority that the visit of the Queen to Ireland will be followed by a visit from the Prince and Princess of Wales. It is the intention of their Royal Highnesses to be present at Leopardstown Races in the autumn, and also to visit a number of places in the South and West of Ireland, accompanied by other members of the Royal Family. It is understood that the Prince of Wales resolved on this some time ago, and is partly due to the reasons which influenced the Queen to go to Ireland and not to the Continent for a holiday.