

Irish News.

ARMAGH.—Orange Rowdism in Portadown.—A most disgraceful exhibition of Orange rowdism took place in Portadown on Sunday, August 26. The members of the Portadown Young Men's Catholic Association had arranged an excursion to Bundoran, and when on their way to the railway station they were attacked by gangs of rowdies, who made a most wanton attack on the party, and subjected them to every form of abuse. The attack, which seems to have been carefully arranged beforehand, was aggravated by the cool deliberation with which it was carried out. Although no loose stones are to be had in the principal thoroughfares of the town, the scoundrels who think it consistent with a profession of Protestant principles to waylay and maltreat a body of inoffensive excursionists, simply because they happen to differ with them in religion and politics, seemed to have an almost inexhaustible supply of road metal, which they must have taken some trouble to procure before taking up their position in the streets. The members of the party were jostled, knocked down, and brutally ill-treated for no cause whatever. Father O'Connor, when driving to the station, was stoned, and he and the driver had a narrow escape. Father O'Hagan was also violently attacked, and many Catholics, when proceeding to Mass, were compelled to return to their homes, in order to save themselves from the violence of the infuriated crowd of bigots who thronged the streets. Many of the more respectable Protestants availed themselves of the facilities afforded for paying a visit to Bundoran, and had procured tickets from members of the association; but not a few of these were prevented from journeying with the party in consequence of a rumor which gained currency on Saturday night that an attack on the excursion party had been arranged.

CAVAN.—Portable Creameries.—An interesting feature of the rapidly-extending co-operative creamery movement in Ireland is the recent introduction of a portable creamery one of which is now in use in County Cavan. The portable creamery is drawn by a traction-engine, and is fitted with the latest creamery machinery and apparatus necessarily of the lightest pattern. This creamery travels into the country at a radius of twenty miles from the central concern. It stops at regular stations, to which the milk is carted by the farmers, and where it is churned at regular intervals.

CORK.—A Popular Business Man.—His many friends in the city of Cork availed of the departure of Mr. Hamilton, for many years a prominent and universally popular official of the London House, Cork, to present him with a testimonial expressive in a slight way of their regard for his uprightness of character and geniality of disposition. The compliment was highly deserved. Mr. Hamilton goes to take up an important post in the establishment of Cannon and Company, Limerick.

Laborers' Cottages in the Clonakilty Union.—An inquiry into a scheme for the erection of laborers' cottages in the Clonakilty Union has been held by Captain Connellan, Local Government Board Inspector. In the great majority of cases no opposition was offered by the occupiers of the lands on which the proposed sites are fixed.

Golden Jubilee of a Nun.—The Ven. Dean Keller presided at the ceremonies at the Youghal Presentation Convent in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Mother Aloysius Dwyer. The good nun is the first to celebrate her Golden Jubilee in the beautiful Youghal house.

A Popular Medical Man.—The popularity and high-standing of Dr. James Tracey among his professional brethren in Cork City was shown in a warm address of appreciation and acknowledgment of services rendered the profession, drawn forth by Dr. Tracey being compelled to seek a milder climate owing to ill-health.

Death of a Gaelic Scholar.—Students of the Irish language will learn with regret of the death of Mr Denis Fleming, a young Cork man, whose work on behalf of the old tongue deserves remark. He was a constant and brilliant contributor to various Gaelic journals, and his work was always clever and scholarly. The movement can ill afford the loss of such a friend.

DERRY.—Reported Election of Mr. Justin McCarthy.—The reported election of Mr. Justin McCarthy for Derry County must have been a mistake, as it was understood that he had definitely decided to withdraw from politics. Mr. T. P. O'Connor, writing about the General Election a few weeks ago, said: 'From the Irish benches the most notable absentee in the next Parliament will be Mr. Justin McCarthy. It will be the close—a somewhat sad one—of a career unsurpassed for devotion to principle and self-sacrifice. When Mr McCarthy entered Irish politics he had what might be called a great income for a literary man; when he left it he had sacrificed income, health, and almost life—for he lay 'twixt life and death for weeks—to the cause of his people. Since the great knock-down blow he has lived in quietude and retirement at Westgate-on-Sea, still working away at his typewriter when his eyesight permits him, and bearing obscurity and comparative exile and solitude, except for a devoted daughter, with the perfect resignation of a fine spirit. He takes a keen interest in Irish politics still, but it must be from afar for evermore.'

No Catholics need apply.—'We have no money for Catholics,' was practically the answer given by the Irish Society to the memorial of the St. Vincent de Paul conferences in January last, says the *Derry Journal*. True, the society pleaded poverty, but that plea was effectively negated by the very substantial grants of £100 to the Ebrington Presbyterian Church, and of £50 to the Baptist Chapel in Fountain street. A glance at the 'general

statement' shows conclusively that the society has money in abundance for every 'call' that is not likely to benefit Catholics. Yet Catholics constitute by far the larger portion of the city's population, and to the citizens belongs the fund of which the Irish Society are the trustees and administrators. Every Protestant charity in the city is liberally helped by the Irish Society. The Vincentian Conferences alone relieve more deserving poor—support more orphans—tide more working men over periods of sickness than all Protestant organisations combined. Yet they receive not one penny directly or indirectly from the Irish Society. The fact is scandalous and merits, as it receives wherever known, the condemnation of every honorable man.

DOWN.—Illness of the Bishop of Dromore.—We (*Ulster Examiner*, September 1) have just learned with the greatest pleasure that the Most Rev. Dr. McGivern, Lord Bishop of Dromore, is fast recovering from his recent long and trying illness, and it is now hoped, should the great improvement in his Lordship's health which is shown during the past week continue, he will soon be able to resume his ordinary duties as bishop.

DUBLIN.—Dedication of a Chapel.—The new chapel of the Monastery of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph, Blackrock, Dublin, was solemnly dedicated by his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin recently.

A Treat for Workhouse Children.—The Lady Mayoress of Dublin proposes to take the children of the South and North Dublin Unions on an excursion to the seaside. Letters requesting the permission of the Board of Guardians to do so were read at the meetings of the Unions, and the offer was accepted with thanks.

Looking after the Boys.—The Very Rev. Canon Fricker, P.P., Rathmues, ever anxious for the youth of his flock, has established a boys' brigade in his parish, and for some time it has quietly and unostentatiously been pursuing its most useful work.

Demolishing the Slums.—Lord Iveagh is about to raze the congested tenement district between St. Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and erect artisan dwellings of the most modern type in place of the present tumble-down and insanitary old houses. The scheme includes a large concert hall for the entertainment of the residents, swimming bath, wash-house, and a large public lodging-house, and it is estimated that these will cost between £60,000 and £100,000. On the space flanked by St. Patrick's Cathedral Lord Iveagh is laying out a public garden, which will be a boon to the inhabitants. It is Lord Iveagh's intention to devote all the rents from the dwellings and the lodging-house to the maintenance of the entire premises.

GALWAY.—Sad Drowning Accident.—While bathing at Kinvara, County Galway, a young man, John Hynes, was taken beyond his depth and immediately cried for help. Police-constable Callaghan rushed to his assistance and brought Hynes ashore in an advanced state of exhaustion. All efforts to restore animation proved unavailing.

LIMERICK.—Death of the Pastor of Ardagh.—The death took place towards the end of August of Rev. Father Walsh, Ardagh, County Limerick. Father Walsh had attained a great age, having reached 80 years. He enjoyed vigorous health up to recently, when he got an attack of congestion of the lungs. He recovered from this, but further ailments set in which left no hope of his recovery. He was much esteemed by his parishioners, and always interested himself in everything tending to their advantage. He was in every respect a fine type of a clergyman.

SLIGO.—Ordination at the Cathedral.—The Most Rev. Dr. Clancy ordained the Rev. M. Flanagan, in the Cathedral, Sligo, on August 15. Father Flanagan is a native of the diocese of Elphin, and is the son of Mr. Edmund Flanagan, Clongower, Castlereagh.

WATERFORD.—A Successful Gathering.—The Feis held in Dungarvan on August 11 was a magnificent success. The Town Hall, in which it was held, though capable of containing 1500 people, was literally crammed, and scores had to be refused admission. The Ven. Archdeacon Sheehy presided, and there were both on the platform and in the body of the hall a large number of clergymen. The audience was a thoroughly representative one, embracing members of Parliament, County, Urban, and Rural Councilors, doctors, lawyers, shopkeepers, etc. The Feis proceedings showed clearly the existence of a rich mine of Gaelic talent (as yet only partially developed) in County Waterford.

Drowning Fatality.—The capsizing of a sailing boat in Waterford Harbor involved the loss of four lives. The body of Mr. Patrick Kennedy, D.C., New Ross, and Secretary to the New Ross Harbor Commissioners, was washed ashore. The other victims were three men named Merrigan, Lanigan, and Furlong.

WESTMEATH.—Death of a Centenarian.—According to the local papers, Mrs. Mary Brazil, of Tullamore, was 101 years old when she departed this life on August 21.

Death of a Miltown Man in Argentina.—News has been received in Ireland of the death of Mr. James Scully, one of the old Irish pioneers, at Campana, Argentina, at the age of 96 years, nearly 70 of which he spent in his adopted country. Mr. Scully was a native of Miltown, County Westmeath, and went to Argentina in the early thirties. There he took up land and prospered, bringing up a large family, who were a credit to him and the country from which he came.

WEXFORD.—Death of the Sailors' Friend.—The death is reported of the Rev. George Rackards, of Wexford. He was 71 years of age. Father Rackards took a deep interest in the shipping