

Irish News.

CLARE.—A Generous Tribute.—In the course of a sermon the Rev. A. H. Trevor Benson, rector of Castleconnell, said referring to the death of Father McNamara — 'Our Roman Catholic brethren are at present in deep sorrow, and we must show them our sympathy and love, and see that nothing in us ever at any time makes wider the jagged wound of our present sad disunion—that of two branches of Christ's one Catholic Church. God has removed from them their young priest. Since he came here he endeared himself not only to his own congregation, but also to many of us. We admired his gentle, simple spirit, his sincere, religious, and quiet enthusiasm, and, I think, more than all, his self-forgetfulness.'

DOWN.—Death of a Banbridge Priest.—General regret was felt in Banbridge when it became known that Rev. John M'Alister had passed away after a short illness at the Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Belfast. Born in June, 1863, the future priest studied at the Seminary, Violet Hill, Newry, and Maynooth, until his ordination, when he was appointed curate of the district of Coatbridge, in the archdiocese of Glasgow. Here he remained until September, 1891, when he was appointed to the curacy of Dromara. In Dromara he stayed until August, 1895, making friends of everyone he met. He was then appointed curate at Banbridge, a parish which he left only to endure his last brief illness in the Mater Infirmorum Hospital.

Death of the Bishop of Dromore.—On Saturday morning, November 24, at the age of 72, the Most Rev. Dr. M'Givern, Bishop of Dromore, passed peacefully away at his residence, Violet Hill, Newry, after a long and tedious illness, during which he received all the consolations which religion can afford, including the Blessing of the Holy Father, which was forwarded through Cardinal Logue. Amongst those present at his death-bed were Rev. Edward M'Givern, Newry; Rev. John M'Givern, Maynooth College (nephews); Sister Mary Claver (niece), Miss Sarah M'Givern (sister), Miss Sarah M'Alcay (niece), and the priests of the seminary. The deceased prelate was educated first at the Diocesan College, Newry, and afterwards at the Irish College, Rome. In 1854 he was ordained in the Church of St. John Lateran by Cardinal Patrizzi. After years of missionary labor in his native diocese he was in 1886 appointed Coadjutor Bishop to the Most Rev. Dr. Leahy. In March, 1887, he was consecrated. During his episcopate new churches and new schools sprung up all over the diocese. His entire life was devoted to the furthering of religion and education. He earned and won the esteem and affection of both priests and people, to whom his death has brought the deepest sorrow. On Monday the remains of the deceased were removed to Newry Cathedral, where they lay in state until Tuesday morning, when solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, after which the interment took place in the old chapel burial ground in the presence of an immense gathering of his sorrowing people.

DUBLIN.—Death of a Dublin Priest in France.—The funeral of the lamented Father Egan, of Goldenbridge, County Dublin, took place recently at Monaco, South of France. Father Egan died at Monte Carlo, whither he had gone on the advice of his physician. The morning after his death a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated. On the day of the funeral a Requiem Mass was celebrated in the mortuary chapel, the body being present. After the Mass the interment took place, by the kind courtesy of the Bishop of Monaco, in the vault specially reserved for the priests of his own diocese.

A Big Capital.—The *Irish Times* newspaper, Dublin, has been turned into a limited liability company, with a capital of £450,000.

The Irish Language Movement.—At the annual banquet given to the successful intermediate students at the Christian Schools, North Richmond street the first toast was 'Tir agus Creidcaub' ('Faith and Fatherland'), and was proposed in Irish by Master Henry Thunder. Donnchadh Ruadh's celebrated song, 'Beir beanaucht om chroidhe,' was sung by Master P. Curran; and Dr. Hyde's 'Oirechtas Ode' (1897) was recited by Master O'Cleary. The language is being warmly taken up by both masters and pupils alike in Richmond street, and there are over 200 boys in the Irish classes now.

KILKENNY.—A Libel Action Settled.—Mr. Standish O'Grady, proprietor of the *Kilkenny Moderator*, who is a Protestant, recently made some startling statements in an article in that journal. An action for libel was taken against him by Dr. Crozier, Protestant Bishop of Ossory. The case came before the Court, but a settlement was arranged. Mr. O'Grady apologised for expressions reflecting on the honor and character of the Bishop, 'whilst in no way at all retreating from his written censure respecting the main subject of the article.'

LIMERICK.—An Australian Visitor.—The Right Rev. Dr. Corbett, Bishop of Sale, Australia, has arrived in Limerick. On his last visit to Ireland Dr. Corbett was presented with the freedom of Limerick, his native city.

Repairing an old Church.—No time has been lost in removing the old roof of St. Munchin's Church, Limerick, and the new roof will be put on without any unnecessary delay. In the meantime Mass is being celebrated for parishioners in the Christian Brothers' Schools, Thomondgate.

MEATH.—Death of a Popular Kells Lady.—The people of Kells and the surrounding districts have viewed with a sense of personal loss the lamented death of the wife of Mr. P. F. Maguire,

a generous, kind, and noble-hearted woman, who had earned the love and respect of all with whom she came in contact. No occurrence of late years in Kells has evoked such widespread manifestations of sincere and profound sorrow. The Kells Urban Council, of which Mr. Maguire is the popular and able chairman, tendered him the expression of their heartfelt condolence. And at the funeral there attended a cortege the size and representative character of which testified more than anything else the desire among all classes to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased lady.

MAYO.—Visit of the Irish Chief Secretary.—About the middle of November Mr. George Wyndham, the Irish Chief Secretary, spent some days in County Mayo, inspecting the results achieved by the Congested Districts Board, and the still greater results waiting to be achieved by that body. In Swinford, Mr. Wyndham made a short speech from the hotel window, expressing the mingled feelings with which his tour had inspired him—regret at the distress he witnessed and the sufferings existing, and pleasure at the work already accomplished towards the desired end. In a country where they were divided on so many subjects it was an encouragement to find that they were united in a common effort to help the people in Mayo towards helping themselves. At Kiltimagh, where splendid new schools had been built by the pastor, Father Denis O'Hara, cousin of Mr. Dillon and himself a member of the Congested Districts Board, Mr. Wyndham was shown over the schools, conducted by the nuns of St. Louis, who teach lace-making and other industries to the children. They also give instructions in cookery, dressmaking, and laundry work, so as to fit many of their pupils for domestic service.

SLIGO.—A Successful Dairymaid.—Among the Sligo girls who have adopted the profession of dairymaids and who have achieved the best successes at the London Exhibition, is Miss Margaret Logan, formerly of Drumcliffe Creamery and medalist of Glasnevin. She took first, second, third, and fifth prizes in the several classes for the butter which was forwarded from the Newtown Stewart Creamery under the patronage of the Duchess of Abercorn.

Aid for the Dominican Church.—The Most Rev. Dr. Flood, Archbishop of Trinidad, has sent £10 to the Dominican church, Sligo, as his contribution towards the building fund.

WATERFORD.—Appointment of a Medical Officer.—Dr. D. Power, nephew of the Rev. D. H. Power, Tramore, has been appointed medical officer for the Bonmahon district by the Poor Law Guardians of the Kilmacthomas Union, Waterford. He studied very successfully at Blackrock College and in the Medical School of the Catholic University, Cecil street, Dublin. At the termination of his medical studies he was attached to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital.

A Protestant Bishop praises Catholic Schools.—At the annual meeting of the Church of Ireland Training College, Kildare Place, Dublin, reference was made to the changes made by the National Board as regards primary education. Most Rev. Dr. Peacocke said while they did not know what the outcome of these changes would be, as a training college they were bound to carry out the programme laid down by the Commissioners of National Education. The Bishop of Cashel paid a tribute to the excellent equipment and mode of teaching in vogue in the Christian Brothers' schools and convents of Waterford.

WESTMEATH.—Transfer of Franciscans.—Much regret (says a Westmeath newspaper) will be felt locally by the announcement that the entire Franciscan community in Athlone is about being changed to other parts of the country. Father Rossiter goes to Carrick-on-Suir as Guardian, Father Murphy to Wexford, and Father White to Dublin. The community will be replaced by Father Coffey (Prior), Father Cahill, and Father Hanneran.

WICKLOW.—Death of a Journalist.—A gloom was cast over Bray and other districts in County Wicklow on the announcement of the death of Mr. James Etchingham, representative of the *Wicklow People*, which took place suddenly at his residence, Bray. Deceased was a capable journalist, and was very popular amongst his colleagues on the Press.

GENERAL.

Board of Intermediate Education.—The Lord Lieutenant has appointed the following gentlemen to be members of the Board of Intermediate Education in Ireland:—Mr. Samuel Dill, M.A.; Rev. T. A. Finlay, M.A., F.R.U.I.; Mr. George F. Fitzgerald, M.A., F.T.C.D.; Rev. John P. Mahaffy, D.D., F.T.C.D.; Right Rev. Gerald Molloy, D.D.; Mr. W. J. M. Starkie, M.A. Under the International Education (Ireland) Act of 1900 it was provided that five additional members should be appointed to the Intermediate Education Board. There was also one vacancy on the Board, caused by the resignation of the Provost of Trinity College.

The Irish Texts Society.—The annual report of the Irish Texts Society for the year 1900 shows an eminently satisfactory state of affairs. The Society, which was established in 1898, has already published two highly valuable volumes, containing in the one case sixteenth century Irish folk-lore texts, and in the other 'The Feast of Bricrin,' from 'Leabhar na h-Uidhre.' Four more volumes are in preparation, one which is now going through the press being the poems of the famous Egan O'Rahilly, edited by the Rev. P. S. Dinneen, S.J., M.A. It will be a welcome announcement to students of modern Irish that the Society now announces the publication of an Irish-English, English-Irish pocket dictionary. The names of the editors—Rev. P. O'Leary and Mr. David Comyn—are sufficient guarantee for the value of the book. The Irish Texts Society now numbers 502 members, of which a great part are well-known savants, educationists, and literary men,