

Irish News.

CAVAN.—A Wealthy Landowner.—Lord Farnham, who died in a private hospital in Dublin on November 29, possessed an estate in the county Cavan which covered an area of almost thirty thousand acres. His annual rental therefrom was about £20,000.

CORK.—Charitable Bequests.—Mr. Maurice Murray, late of Beech Hill, Montenotte, Cork has left a number of bequests to Catholic and charitable institutions in his native city.

Assisting the Poor of Macroom.—Lady Ardilaun has sent £20 to the Sisters of Mercy, Macroom, for the relief of the poor under their charge.

Death of a Returned Exile.—Mr. P. Collins, who arrived at Fermoy, Ireland, from America, on Thursday, December 27, was found dead on the mountain side almost within sight of his father's home. It appears that the traveller was unable to secure a conveyance from Fermoy to the home of his father and started to walk there, but was overtaken by the storm, succumbed, and died of exposure. He had £426 in his pocket when found. Mr. Collins was only 25 years of age.

Presentation to the Bishop of Cloyne.—A deputation of the People's Committee waited on the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, at his residence, The Palace, Queenstown, on his return from Rome, and presented him with an address and purse of sovereigns on behalf of his parishioners. Mr. Swanton read the address.

Kinsale League of the Cross.—The members of the League of the Cross, Kinsale, have erected in their Temperance Hall a nicely executed marble slab, as a token of esteem, in which they hold the founder of the hall, the Very Rev. Canon O'Mahoney, Kilmurray.

DUBLIN.—In Support of Irish Music.—A drawing-room meeting was held at the residence of Lady Arnott, Merrion-square, Dublin, recently, in support of the Feis Ceoil Association. The Right Rev. Monsignor Molloy, D.D., presided, and there was a large attendance. Miss Edith Oldham, hon. secretary, read a paper on the 'Feis Ceoil,' and addresses were delivered by Dr. Culwick, Rev. G. O'Neill, S.J., and Mr. George Coffey.

New School at Dalkey.—On Sunday, January 13, the parish priest of Dalkey blessed a new school for boys at Porter's-road, Dalkey, which was opened for the admission of pupils on Monday. The school has been erected as a memorial of the late Canon George Harold. A teacher's residence has been built in the adjoining plot. His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin sent a donation of £100.

Charitable Bequests.—Mr. William McEvoy, of 26, Royal terrace, West Kingstown, Dublin, solicitor, who died on October 22 last, and whose estate has been valued at £15,325 12s, after having made certain bequests, left the residue of his estate, including a reversion of £7000, to the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Dublin, and the St. Vincent de Paul Male Orphanage, Glasnevin.

Teaching the Irish Language.—The Dominican nuns are doing something for the National language as well as the Dominican priests. At St. Mary's University College, Muckross Park, Donnybrook, Irish classes for pupils of every grade are in full swing.

KILKENNY.—Death of the Dean of Ossory.—The Irish priesthood has been robbed of a distinguished member by the death of the Dean of Ossory, the Very Rev. Thomas Kelly, of Kilkenny. Dean Kelly was a Maynooth man, and had been 45 years a priest. He died in his sixty-eighth year, and was interred in the vaults of St. Canice's Church, Kilkenny.

LIMERICK.—The Member for the City.—Alderman Joyce, the member of Parliament for Limerick City, or, as he is familiarly called, 'The Skipper,' has had a remarkable career. At the age of 12 he went to sea, visiting all the principal ports of the world. On three occasions he was shipwrecked, and was obliged to swim for hours until he was picked up by a lifeboat. After 12 years' experience at sea he settled down at home with the old folks, and took out a pilot's license for the lower Shannon. Mr. Joyce takes an active interest in the promotion of Irish National sports.

Marriage in High Life.—Miss Purcell, Limerick, is to be married to a relative and namesake of Cardinal Vaughan, of London. She is a daughter of Don Guillermo Purcell, of Mexico. Mr. Purcell is probably the wealthiest man in that republic. He is a native of Limerick city, and went to Mexico to engage in the tea trade over 40 years ago. His extensive railway interests in Mexico rival those of the Vanderbilts in the United States. The title of Don, by which he is addressed, is, it seems, solely the right of the most distinguished and wealthy in the republic.

Serious Fire in the Post Office.—A fire of much seriousness broke out in the Limerick Post Office on the night of January 4. The outbreak was first discovered in the Parcel Office, and quickly extended. The brigade was summoned, but owing to deficient water supply could not effect much service. In the meantime the flames spread on all sides, and the sky was lit up with a ruddy glow, seen for miles around. By nine o'clock the brigade succeeded in getting control of the conflagration. Much damage was done. The parcel office was destroyed, and its contents—some 50 parcels and a couple of hundred mail and parcel baskets, as well as some instruments, tools, etc., stored in the workroom—were burnt to ashes. £500, at the least, is said to represent the damage wrought.

LOUTH.—Funeral of the Late Father Taaffe.—The funeral of the late Rev. L. Taaffe, Tallanstown took place at the family burial ground at Louth Cemetery. The remains, enclosed in a coffin of polished oak, were conveyed from his sister's residence at Dales, Clogher Head, to Tallanstown Church, where they were placed on a catafalque in front of the little altar. Solemn Office and *Requiem* High Mass were attended by a large number of clergy both secular and regular. The deceased clergyman finished his collegiate course in the College of Salamanca, and was only 44 years of age. His death creates a great void.

ROSCOMMON.—An Address and Testimonial.—Mgr. M'Laughlin, of Roscommon, received about the middle of January from his fellow-priests in the Diocese of Elphin an address and testimonial indicative of their general regard. The Monsignor, in thanking his colleagues for their compliment, said that the offering so kindly made him 'would go like all the rest'—unreservedly towards the completion of the new Church of the Sacred Heart Roscommon.

TIPPERARY.—An Appeal on Behalf of the Chinese Christians.—The Very Rev. Dean Kinane, of Cashel, has made an appeal to the Catholics of Ireland on behalf of the Christians now so mercilessly persecuted in China. In his touching appeal, the learned and devoted Dean of Cashel describes the horrible massacres which have for the past few years made the streets and byways in the Chinese cities, towns, and villages run red with the blood of martyred priests and Chinese converts. The glories of these unknown champions of the Faith of St. Peter and St. Patrick will never be fully realised till the Judgment Day. Their heroic deaths have sown the seed for fresh conversions to the Faith. But burnt churches and demolished convents offer no asylum to the converted natives, marked out as the natural prey of the fanatical heathens. It is to provide part of the funds for the rebuilding of the destroyed churches and missions that Dean Kinane now addresses the Irish public. The first response—a cheque for £10—has come from the illustrious Metropolitan of Munster, the Most Rev. Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel, and the priests and people of the City of the Kings have nobly followed the example of the great prelate by subscribing the splendid sum of £60.

Opening of the Silver and Lead Mines.—Having lain derelict and unworked for more than 30 years, the once famous silver and lead mines on Lord Dunally's property, Shallee are to be re-opened. The utmost satisfaction is felt in Nenagh and district on the prospective increase of employment, and its beneficial effect on trade generally.

TYRONE.—Compensation for Malicious Injuries.—At the Dungannon Quarter Sessions, there being a complete absence of criminal business, Sir F. Brady, Bart., chairman, was presented with white gloves by the Sheriff. Subsequently his Honor awarded £1200 compensation to policemen who had received serious injuries during a series of riots which took place in the county in connection with the General Election. Of this amount one constable got £200 in connection with the riots near Cookstown last October, a sergeant was awarded £300, and four constables £150 each for injuries inflicted by a mob at Dungannon.

Opening of a New Church at Omagh.—A magnificent new church was formally dedicated on Sunday, the Feast of the Epiphany, in connection with the Omagh Asylum, which is situated in the parish of Cappagh. Owing to the increase of lunacy during the past few years the Governors of the Asylum felt it necessary that a larger accommodation should be provided for religious service, especially for the Catholic inmates, who are two-thirds of the entire body of some 800. When a new Board of Governors was constituted under the Local Government Act, a strong appeal was made to them that the Catholics would, on conscientious grounds, prefer to have a church that should be entirely for the Catholics, and that a similar provision should be made for non-Catholics. The Right Rev. Dr. O'Doherty strongly pressed this appeal, as did also the Rev. James O'Keane, P.P., Cappagh. The Right Rev. Mgr. McNamee, Omagh, and the Right Rev. Mgr. Smollen, V.F., Enniskillen, vice-chairman of the Board, gave to the appeal the great weight of their influence. This reasonable appeal met no opposition and the Board, with great liberality and generosity, unanimously resolved that the Catholics should have their new church entirely to themselves, and a truly splendid church it is. The style of the church is Gothic throughout, measuring inside 80ft by 30ft 6in by 18ft to nave, capable of seating comfortably 500 persons.

WATERFORD.—A Peculiar Proceeding.—At Tallow, County Waterford, seven members of the local branch of the United Irish League have been prosecuted by the Crown authorities for intimidation in connection with the taking by a man named O'Keefe of a farm from which another man had been evicted. A peculiar feature of the case was that Mr. C. P. Redmond, of the *Waterford News*, was summoned on behalf of the prosecution to produce the manuscript of the notes of the proceedings on which the Crown based their case. Mr. Redmond refused to do so. The case against the defendants was adjourned.

GENERAL.

Munster Men in London.—London is shortly to have a new social Irish organisation in the shape of a Munster Association. The promoters of the new movement are Mr. Hooper, a popular and respected member of the London staff of the *Dublin Freeman's Journal*, and Mr. MacCollum, the well-known Gaelic teacher and organiser. The association is to come into public being by means of a dinner, which will be partaken of by the big battalions of Munstermen in London, and which will be presided over by no less a representative of the great Irish province than Sir James Matthew, father of the talented author of *The Spanish Wine* and *The Rising of the Moon*.