

Irish News

ANTRIM.—Death of a Business Man.

Mr. Robert Ballantyne, and extensive cattle dealer, died in his trap while driving on business into the country from Armagh.

A Lame Excuse.

A Belfast Orangemen, James William Clements, was sent to gaol for a month for committing an unprovoked assault on a fellow-workmen in the yard of Messrs. Workman and Clark, ship-builders. The fellow pleaded guilty, and urged that he had acted under provocation. The Resident Magistrate who gave sentence said that 'the only cause alleged for the assault was that the complainant was a Roman Catholic.' That has hitherto been considered cause enough in the Belfast shipyards. It must be really perturbing to good loyalists to have the established order of things set aside like this.

Money found in a Piano.

The Attorney-General held an inquiry recently at Dublin Castle into the claims of several persons upon the bounty of the Crown in respect of the estates of a number of persons from different parts of the country who died intestate. Among the estates that came forward was that of Elizabeth M'Kee, which was being administered by the Crown, and the sale of household furniture was ordered at Marguerite Terrace, Belfast. Amongst those who attended the auction were three ladies named Misses M'Guaig and Miss Robinson, who lived in the neighborhood. While inspecting the furniture one of the ladies happened to open a piano, and, to her astonishment, found hidden inside the sum of £343 in cash. The other two ladies were walking through the house, when the feet of one of them went through a weak part of the flooring. This break in the flooring disclosed another pile of glittering coins, which, on being counted, were found to amount to £343 also. The ladies at once handed both sums over to the auctioneer, who forwarded them to the Chief Crown Solicitor. The three ladies now claimed that they should be allowed something for their services in recovering the money for the benefit of the estate. The Attorney-General having inquired as to the circumstances of the claimants, allowed them £10 each.

ARMAGH.—Death of a Christian Brother.

The death is announced of the Rev. Brother J. A. Caton, who, after a laborious and devout life, passed to his reward at the Christian Brothers' House, Greenpark, Armagh, at the venerable age of 78 years. The deceased Brother was born in Preston, Lancashire, in 1823, and entered the Institute of the Christian Brothers at Preston in 1845. Almost the entire of his religious life was spent in Ireland, where he labored at different periods in each of the four provinces. He taught at Tralee, Limerick, Tuam, and for five or six years at North Richmond street, Dublin. From Dublin he was transferred to the superintendency of Greenpark, Armagh, in 1856; and there some of his most zealous labors were gone through. The funeral, which was a most impressive one, took place from St. Malachy's, where a *Requiem* Mass was celebrated by Rev. John Quinn, Adm., who delivered a touching panegyric of the deceased.

The National Cathedral.

His Eminence the Cardinal Primate and his clergy (says the *Irish Weekly*) are sincerely to be congratulated on the result of the bazaar held last year to raise funds for the completion of the national cathedral of St. Patrick in the Primatial City. The sum realised netts the magnificent total of just over £30,000, after paying all incidental expenses. In the summary list published are to be found acknowledgements from all parts of the globe where the children of St. Patrick are to be found, and no better proof of the undying love of faith and fatherland characteristic of the Irish exile could be had than their steadfast and self-sacrificing devotion to the faith which he implanted nigh 15 centuries ago. In his appeal his Eminence the Cardinal Primate pointed to the total inadequacy or entire absence of decoration in the national cathedral. Thanks to his earnest appeal and the generous and whole-hearted response with which it has been met in all parts of the world, we will no longer be open to this reproach. Though the Archdiocese of Armagh in general, and the Parish of Armagh in particular, are amongst the largest of the records, the total for Armagh City reaching the splendid sum of £4,003 18s, very credible amounts have been collected by priests of the Archdiocese in the United States of America, in England and Scotland, as well as in the South and West of Ireland. When the many claims which the faithful are called upon to contribute to are taken into account, the amount raised for the beautifying of God's house is most gratifying; and when the work is completed the Irish Catholics throughout the world will be proud in the possession of a fame worthy the national apostle and commemorative of the ancient glories of the Irish. To bring this about his Eminence and his priests have not spared themselves, and they, together with those who have so cheerfully given their mite, cannot but contemplate with satisfaction the probability of an early completion of a work which has occupied the greater part of a century to accomplish.

CAVAN.—The Marquis of Headfort.

An Irish exchange gives the following account of the proceedings in Virginia, Cavan, connected with the home-coming of the youthful Marquis of Headfort and his actress-bride:—The Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort the other day paid their first visit since their marriage to his Lordship's fine estate in Virginia, County Cavan, driving over by road from Kells. At different places along the route floral arches and flags were displayed, and at several points there were groups of country people who gave the Marquis and his bride a cordial greeting as they passed by. On arriving in Virginia, little Miss Philomena Healy presented a magnificent

bouquet, and the distinguished visitors were met by a large crowd, accompanied by the Kells and Oldcastle Brass Bands. A halt was made at the Parochial House, where the Marquis and Marchioness were most cordially received by Father John O'Reilly, P.P., V.G., an old and valued friend of the Headfort family. Here an address of welcome to his Lordship was read by Mr. Laurence Gillie on behalf of the people of Virginia. A silver salver was presented by the employees on the Virginia estate.

CORK.—Practical Sympathy.

The people of Rosscarbery and West Cork generally are giving practical effect to their sympathy with Mr. John Kingston, of Ardagh, a well-known and highly-popular Protestant Home Ruler, whose stables, with three valuable horses and a foal, were recently destroyed by fire. An indemnity fund is being supported with much generosity by all classes and creeds.

One Result of a Strike.

The Cork gas strike has led the Harbor Commissioners to adopt the electric light as a harbor illuminant, so that the strike has destroyed the demand of one of the heaviest consumers. The Gas Company declined the Lord Mayor's arbitration, and showed the stiffness of their attitude further in taking proceedings against eight of the men who left work without notice.

DERRY.—Dedication of a Church.

On Whit Sunday the new church dedicated to God under the title of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, at Aghadaway, Coleraine, was solemnly dedicated by the Most Rev. Bishop O'Doherty, of Derry, in whose diocese it is. Father Mulholland, the parish priest, to whose tireless efforts the new building is so largely due, was congratulated on all hands on the success of his labors. After the dedication Mass was celebrated by Father Kane, of Gortin, and a sermon preached by the Very Rev. John Doherty. The subscriptions announced following the special collection amounted to £800. The church is free from debt. Mr. M'Closkey, who bestowed the site, entertained the visitors attending the dedication ceremony.

DOWN.—A Belated Discovery.

The Rev. Mr. King, of Newtownards, has made a truly wonderful discovery, of which he has hastened to inform the world. It is said he recently visited Dublin, and attended a meeting in the Mansion House of the representatives of various school attendance committees. He has discovered, so he says, that the 'Catholic clergy are deeply in earnest over the education of the people.' What a wonderful discovery, to be sure! The history of the long and bitter struggle made by the priests and people of Ireland to obtain the right to educate their children is evidently a blank page as far as Mr. King is concerned.

DUBLIN.—Fatal Fire.

About one o'clock on Sunday morning, June 2, a fire was discovered to have broken out in a room at the rear of a house occupied by a dairyman named Wheelan, in George's Avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin. Three of Wheelan's assistants were sleeping in the room at the time, and when the door of the apartment was forced open it was found that two of them—Patrick Groves, 24, and John Stynes, 15, had been burned to death. The third man, Charles O'Neill, 17, was still alive, but he died in hospital shortly afterwards.

An Interesting Discovery.

A curious discovery was recently made by some workmen engaged in the demolition of Morrison's Hotel, Dublin. Beneath the Dawson street and Nassau street corner of the building they came upon a well nine feet in depth and four feet in width, formed of rubble masonry. Some persons, who have seen the newly-discovered well assert that it is the genuine St. Patrick's Well, a distinction already claimed for another existing in the neighborhood.

Ordinations at the Pro-Cathedral.

The following priests were ordained recently by Archbishop Walsh in the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin:—Rev. Joseph Killeen, Clonliffe; Rev. Jeremiah O'Callaghan, Clonliffe; Rev. Augustine Crotty, O.S.A.; Rev. Alipius Dempsey, O.S.A.; Rev. Ambrose Guinan, O.S.A.; Rev. John Roughan, C.M.

Clerical Appointment.

Very Rev. D. Downing, Adm., Marlborough street, has been appointed to the pastoral charge of the important parish of St. Joseph's, Berkeley street, Dublin.

A Pan-Celtic Congress.

A Pan-Celtic congress will be held in Dublin next month.

Electric-Lighting Scheme.

The Dublin corporation has decided to carry out an electric-lighting scheme at a cost of over a quarter million pounds.

KERRY.—The Killarney Eagles.

The famous eagles which used to haunt the Lakes of Killarney, making their home in the 'Eagles' Nest' Mountain, have been exterminated within the past three years (says the *Daily News*). They were exceedingly picturesque and objects of great interest to visitors. Their depredations, however, amongst the grouse, and their capture of lambs and kids from the farms all along the countryside, rendered it absolutely necessary to get rid of them, and the last of the birds has been shot.

The Lord Lieutenant's Visit.

On May 11 the Lord-Lieutenant and Countess Cadogan visited the Convent of Poor Clares, Kenmare, Kerry.