

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—Obituary.

Mr. Alex. O'Rorke, solicitor, died recently at his residence, Newtownbreda, Belfast. Mr. O'Rorke belonged to an old Irish family. He was born in the year following the battle of Waterloo, at Ballybolin, near Ballymena, on a property that had been in possession of his family for generations. His great-grandfather, who was the last Prince of Breffni, married a Miss O'Neill, of Shane's Castle—one of the original family of the O'Neills—so that in the late Mr. O'Rorke commingled the blood of perhaps two of the oldest families and oldest names in the country. Mr. O'Rorke served his apprenticeship to the late Mr. William Orr, of Ballymena, father of Judge Orr, of County Down, and afterwards commenced business in Belfast in partnership with his brother, Mr. Edward O'Rorke, who, in his time, was recognised as one of the kings of his profession in Ulster. The late Lord Russell, of Killowen, and the late Mr. John Rea both served their apprenticeship to Mr. Edward O'Rorke, and both always spoke in the highest terms of the character and capacity of the man who first taught them the principles and practices of their profession. Mr. O'Rorke had reached his 85th year.

The Home of the McKinleys.

Dernock House, County Antrim, the ancient home of the McKinley family in Ireland before their emigration to America—a substantial stone farmhouse—is still standing. On an old stone slab by the hall door the initials of the McKinley of a century and a half ago are thus inscribed: 'W. McK., 1755.' In the insurrection of 1798 arms and ammunition were found by the military in Dernock House, and a William McKinley, a name-sake and a grand-uncle of the late President, was arrested, brought to Coleraine, where he was tried by court-martial, convicted, and sentenced to death. He was shot in the market-place of Coleraine, and was buried in the churchyard at Dernock, where there is a headstone still in good preservation over his grave.

CORK.—The Tramways.

The rumor has got abroad (writes a Cork correspondent), and has found its way into one of the newspapers, that the Cork Electric Tramways have been acquired by Mr. Pierpont Morgan, the American financier, whose name was so prominently before the public in connection with the trusts in the United States, and the purchase of a big number of commercial enterprises in Great Britain. A fact which would tend to give credence to this rumor is that our tramways are only one of a series of similar properties in Great Britain formerly owned by the Thomson-Houston Company, and now the property of this go-ahead financier. Whether, at all events, the rumor be true or false, the citizens need care very little, so long as they have the trams at a penny all the way.

A Local Industry.

The Sisters of the South Presentation Convent in Douglas street, Cork, are determined to do their best in the lace industry. One of the most experienced instructors in lace manufacture has been engaged, and the specimens of lace already turned out are simply wonderful. A large number of girls of Cork city are being trained in this valuable industry, and the Sisters are leaving no stone unturned in order to give employment to as many girls as possible. A large quantities of lace will, it is hoped, be ready for the great exhibition to be held in Cork next year.

Ordination.

The Rev. M. Rowan, a member of the Society for African Missions, was

ordained priest on the first Sunday in November, in the public chapel attached to the Apostolic College, Cork. The Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, conferred Holy Orders. The Very Rev. Canon Flemming, P.P., St. Finn Barr's West, the Very Rev. Canon McNamara, P.P., South Parish, and the Very Rev. J. Zimmerman, Superior of the College, attended his Lordship.

DERRY.—Good Advice.

Speaking at the distribution of prizes in St. Columb's College, Derry, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty gave some excellent advice to students leaving college. Indeed, the rules laid down by his Lordship for the guidance of young men are such as could be followed with great advantage by people of all ages. 'No matter what sphere you move in,' said Dr. O'Doherty, 'let your fundamental principle be strict teetotalism. Temperance is well called one of the cardinal virtues, for on it to a large extent hinges the other virtues. In the second place be ever strictly truthful. Lastly,' said his Lordship, 'avoid bad company. A divine authority has said: "With the just man thou wilt be just, and with the perverse thou wilt be perverted"—and if you associate with vicious companions you are sure to be soon corrupted.'

Death of a Priest.

News reached Derry on October 31 of the death of an esteemed priest of the diocese of Derry, Rev. Thomas McCloskey, the sad event taking place at Bunrana. During the years he ministered to the spiritual wants of the people in the extensive parish of Bunrana he impressed all those who came into personal contact with him by his earnest sincerity and honesty of purpose, and the same estimate of his character is to be found in the several parishes in which his previous missionary labors made his name dear and familiar. His connection with St. Columb's College, both as Professor and President, made him many friends.

DOWN.—Land Campaign.

Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., is conducting with great success a campaign among the tenant farmers of Ulster in favor of compulsory sale of holdings to the occupiers. He addressed an enthusiastic meeting at Crumlin, County Down, recently. In the course of his speech he said that Dr. Rentoul, who had received a Government appointment, would not resign his seat, as he was afraid to face the music.

DUBLIN.—All Hallows College

In the handsome new Church of All Hallows, the 59th anniversary of the far-famed missionary college was celebrated with befitting solemnity. His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin presided at Solemn High Mass, of which the Very Rev. T. J. O'Mahony was celebrant. The sanctuary was occupied by the professors and students, who number over 200. By kind permission of the president, a few laymen had the privilege of being present. Mr. P. A. Goodman ably presided at the new organ, a beautiful instrument built on the tubular pneumatic system. The ceremonies were most impressive and devotional throughout.

Spectacles for the Pope.

Mr. Patrick Cahill, optician, 13 Wellington Quay, Dublin, has just been honored by receipt of an order from the Right Rev. Mgr. Straniero, chaplain to his Holiness, to supply another pair of gold spectacles for the Sovereign Pontiff, of an exactly similar pattern to those previously made for his Holiness by Mr. Cahill within the last 10 years. This will be the fifth pair made in Dublin by this gentleman for his Holiness.

GALWAY.—Queen's College.

The 'Daily News' draws attention to the fact that since the foundation of the Queen's College, Galway, in

1850, only 2623 students have matriculated, and of these only 1104 were Catholics, although the college was established for Catholics. During the 51 years of the existence of the college the sum of £510,000 has been expended on it, exclusive of building and equipment. The annual report of the president of the college, which has just been issued, contains somewhat startling revelations. There are 29 medical and 56 art students in the college. The 29 medical students have no less than six professors, receiving £1120 per annum from the treasury, while the 56 art students divide among them no fewer than 28 scholarships and eight exhibitions.

A Recommendation.

The Galway County Agricultural Committee have recommended the County Council to increase the grants for the cattle and swine schemes, believing that expenditure under these schemes would be more beneficial to the small farmers than if the money were employed otherwise.

LIMERICK.

At a meeting of the County Limerick Live Stock Committee, Mr. T. B. Mitchell, J. P., presiding, Mr. John Ryan, D.C., Killinure, proposed that a committee be appointed to confer with the Board of Agriculture to see whether a grant could not be obtained from the Department to assist in the promotion of co-operative dairies. The resolution was adopted, and Lord Monteagle, Messrs. Ryan, Coll. Hartigan, Noonan, Hayes and the chairman were appointed a committee.

TIPPERARY.—Death of a Nun.

In the early part of last month, in the little cemetery attached to the Presentation Convent at Fethard, the remains of Sister M. Stanislaus (Gubbins) were laid to rest, after the Solemn Office and Requiem Mass had been chanted by a choir of 15 priests, led by Archdeacon Jones. The deceased was a daughter of the late James Gubbins, of County Limerick, and was 34 years in religion, having entered the convent in her 19th year.

TYRONE.—Against Emigration.

Dungannon, the town of the Volunteers, enjoys the distinction of being the first place where an organised effort has been made to grapple with the emigration problem. At a meeting held there, the Rev. Thomas M. Breen, presiding, a society was formed for the purpose of commencing an active propaganda against emigration. Mr. J. G. Hurson, president, read a paper describing the objects of the society and its mode of working, after which a pledge was administered by which the members bound themselves to make every effort to make a living in Ireland before deciding on emigration, and to support home industries. The new society has been named the 'Fan-in-Eirinn' (Stay in Ireland). It has made a very promising start, over 65 members having been enrolled. Musical and dramatic clubs, industrial classes, and classes for the study of Gaelic will be some of the leading features in connection with it.

WATERFORD.—A Send-off.

Seldom has a more pleasant duty fallen to our lot (says the 'Waterford Star') than that of recording the send-off to the Rev. Father Lynch, recently ordained for the New Zealand mission. This gifted young clergyman is a son of Mr. J. J. Lynch, near Kilgobinet, one of the stoutest and staunchest Nationalists in West Waterford. The young priest, the scene of whose missionary labors lie in far away New Zealand, from his childhood was marked for the service of God. He received his early education at the hands of Mr. E. Landers, Coolnasmeear, one of the most efficient National Teachers in the county, and subsequently entered St. John's College, Waterford, where he had a very brilliant and successful course, and from which he was ordained last June. Few young priests