

wireless telegraphy are naturally hopeful that America may now be furnished before long with convincing proof, for shares are low.

M.B.

## COUNTY NEWS.

### CORK.—Claim for a University.

The Cork Corporation at its last meeting passed a resolution asserting that no settlement of the University question can be considered satisfactory which does not include the establishment of a University in Cork to meet the educational wants of the citizens of Cork and of the people of the South of Ireland.

### DOWN.—Golden Jubilee.

St. Patrick's Day, 1902, will rank as a great occasion in the history of Downpatrick, for on that day was celebrated an event which rarely occurs in the religious life of the community. The celebration was in connection with the golden jubilee of the Very Rev. Patrick O'Kane, P.P., V.F., a venerable priest who for upwards of half a century had labored and worked amongst the people of the ancient and historic parish of Down whom he loves so well. Some time ago a public meeting of the parishioners was convened to consider the best means by which the auspicious event could be celebrated. The priests and people entered into the work with almost unbounded enthusiasm, and resolved that the celebration should take the form of a statue of St. Patrick for St. Patrick's Memorial Church. The ceremony of blessing and unveiling the statue took place after High Mass in the presence of a very large congregation.

### LIMERICK.—Obituary.

The death is announced of Mr. John Finucane, ex-M.P., who, in Mr. Parnell's time, took an active part as member for County Limerick. He was born in 1842, was educated at Thurles College and Maynooth. Weak health forbade his taking holy orders, as it was intended he should do.

### MAYO.—Selling to his Tenants.

A son of the O'Connor Don, Mr. Denis O'Connor, landlord of one of the Associated Estates, has come to an amicable arrangement with his tenants. He has withdrawn all the ejectment processes, civil bills, and writs that had been issued, and has agreed to discharge the costs. To the tenants whose first judicial term has expired he has agreed to give a reduction of three shillings in the pound, and he has consented on the basis of the rent so reduced to sell to the Congested Districts Board for sixteen years' purchase, should the Board agree to take the estate from him on those terms. This is the third of the Associated estates on which an amicable settlement has been arrived at. Lord De Freyne and Mr. Murphy still remain obdurate. On the Worthington estate, which adjoins the Associated Estates, the tenants have received a reduction of two shillings in the pound.

Morrow, Bassett and Co. have been appointed sole agents in New Zealand for the Cochshutt Plough Company's famous 'Excelsior' arm implements. Champions all over the globe. Send for catalogue.—\*\*\*

MYERS AND CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. They guarantee highest class work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth give general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous-oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read advertisement.—\*\*\*

## People

Archbishop Murphy, of Hobart, was one of the clergymen who officiated at the burial of the Irish Liberator, Daniel O'Connell, more than half a century ago.

Professor Huxley relates in his biography that he and his friend, Professor Tyndall, applied together for two vacant professorships in Toronto University, Canada, but both were rejected. They were comparatively young men at the time, but what a chance Canada missed!

The 'Lactare' Medal, with which the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, annually honors some distinguished American, goes this year to Dr. John Benjamin Murphy, of Chicago, who has achieved fame in his profession. The late Dr. John Gilmory Shea, the historian, received the first medal in 1883, and the distinction was given last year to the Hon. W. Bourke Cockran.

The sad news comes from Newark, N. J., that Dr. Thomas Dunn English is lying dangerously ill at his home in that city. Dr. English is of Irish Quaker descent and was one of the earliest members of the American-Irish Historical Society. He is an LL.D. as well as an M.D., and also a lawyer of many years' practice. Moreover he is one of the oldest living American authors. He has served in the New Jersey assembly and twice in the National Congress. Fifty-nine years ago the whole English-speaking world was captured by his touching ballad of 'Ben Bolt,' which Du Maurier, 50 years afterwards, revived in his novel 'Trilby,' as 'an old English ballad.' It was English only in its author's name.

The commanding influence which Mr. Blake has obtained in Parliament (says the 'Irish Weekly') has already been demonstrated by his selection as one of the deputy-chairmen of the House, an office which is, of course, purely honorary; but on the discussion on the London Water Bill another proof of it was supplied. He was commenting on the constitutional innovation of introducing a Bill simultaneously in the two houses, and was proceeding to quote from the minutes of the House of Lords, when the Speaker intimated that to do so would be contrary to the practice of the House of Commons. Mr. Blake quietly replied that the course he was pursuing was perfectly regular, and that although he was unable to quote it at the moment, he knew that authorities to that effect would be found in May's 'Parliamentary Practice.' Mr. Gully remembered that he was an able constitutional lawyer than himself, and, to the surprise of all, he resumed his seat and allowed Mr. Blake to proceed. Mr. Blake was subsequently seen to go up to the Speaker's chair and hand to the occupant the volume containing the authorities on which he relied.

Now that the Holy Father will not die to provide copy for the foreign journalists in Rome they have turned their talents to retelling stories illustrating his confidence in his own longevity. Here are two which may be true, but are probably not:—Some eighteen months ago, a young journalist who had come to Rome secured the privilege of being presented to the Pope. Leo XIII. inquired, 'Are you a Catholic?' 'Your Holiness, I am not,' replied the journalist. 'Then,' queried the Pope, 'what may it be that attracts you to the Eternal City?' The journalist blurted out, 'I am here to prepare for the Conclave.' The Pope's features fell; but after a moment's musing, a smile came over his face as he remarked, 'Then you may take a long holiday, for there's to be no Conclave for a good time to come.' A French

bishop was in Rome, some eight years back, on his visit 'ad limina.' On taking leave of the Pope, he said sadly, 'Holy Father! I fear greatly that this is my last farewell; for at your great age I can hardly hope to see you more.' 'And when do you hope to come to us again?' asked the Pope. 'Alas, Holy Father,' replied the prelate, 'it may not be till seven whole years are past.' 'If so God spare your life, my brother,' rejoined Leo gravely, 'to come back in seven years time you will find me here!' Only a few weeks ago the bishop came again.

'M.A.P.' makes public the following incident in the life of the late Cardinal Ciasca, O.S.A.:—The death of Cardinal Ciasca, who died recently, recalls a very pleasing anecdote of Pope Leo. Cardinal Ciasca was a singularly brusque, angular, and austere prelate. This was due, perhaps, to the fact that he was originally a friar of the Augustinian Order, and it was as procurator-general of the latter that he first attracted the attention of the present Pontiff by his economy and integrity. One day when the Pope was receiving Cardinal Ciasca, he said he was particularly glad to see him, as he wished to make arrangements with him for the settlement of a debt which he felt that he owed to the Augustinian Order. The general was totally at a loss to understand what was meant, until Leo XIII. explained that when, at the beginning of the nineteenth century, the first Napoleon, after his conquest of Italy had ordered the sale of all monastic property, the Pecci family had taken advantage of the fact to purchase the Augustinian monastery at Carpinateo. The Pope added: 'My father often spoke about restoring this property to the Order from which it had been taken by Napoleon, but the circumstances were not then favorable for any such step. But I think that the moment has now come to fulfil his wishes and to pay the debt of the family.' And thereupon he not merely handed to the procurator-general of the Augustinians the title deeds of the property in question, but likewise a sum of 100,000 francs, to be employed in restoring the monastery for the purposes originally intended. Some time later Father Ciasca requested an audience of the Pope, and returned to him a sum of 60,000 francs, informing him that the repairs and the necessary alterations had been executed far more cheaply than anticipated. This delighted Leo XIII., for he had been accustomed throughout his long reign to find more often than not that the original estimates had been inadequate and that he was generally called upon to pay more than he intended. After that he saw Father Ciasca often, appointed him Secretary General of the Propaganda and titular Archbishop. As such the Pope entrusted him with the distribution of his own particular alms and charities. He became a kind of lord high almoner at the Vatican. In course of time the Archbishop was raised to the rank of Cardinal, and his death has been a severe blow to the aged Pontiff.'

For absolute strength, extreme simplicity, freedom from weak or undesirable points, and abundance of excellent working features throughout, Excelsior Ploughs are unrivalled. They will do perfectly the work that can be expected of any plough, and are guaranteed to give satisfaction in any soils where a plough can work at all, no matter how tough and difficult the work. They have extra length of land beam, specially made mould boards, and steering gear of the most complete and approved kind. Revolving swivel steel circular coulters. Double furrow £11 10s; three furrows, £16 10s.—Morrow, Bassett, and Co., sole agents in New Zealand for Cockshutt farm implements.—\*\*\*