

Irish News.

CORK.—Dedication of a Church.

The beautiful new church which has been erected at Ballymore, near Queenstown, was solemnly dedicated to the Sacred Heart recently by the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne. After the first Gospel the Rev. Paul Murphy, Bagnalstown, preached the dedication sermon, which was a brilliant discourse. There was a large and representative gathering of prominent Catholics present, amongst whom were the residents of Cork, Middleton, Queenstown, etc. The village and roadway leading to the church were gaily decorated with bunting and evergreens, and the sanctuary presented a beautiful appearance. The new church, which is in the early Gothic style of architecture, is situated in a historic district, where O'Connell received some of his early education, and close to it are a cave and altar stone where Mass was celebrated when there was a price on a priest's head.

A Wise Judge.

It is too much to hope that certain judges (says the Freeman's Journal) will take a leaf out of the book of Mr. Justice Johnson. He opened the Commission for the County of Cork in a brief address. It is not a political address. He did not attack the United Irish League; he did not defend landlordism and all its ways, he did not take police statistics, and base on them an indictment of the people of the county of Cork, and a lamentation for the state of law and order in the whole country. No, he took the highest view of his functions as a judge, and spoke by the calendar, saying that so far as he had judicial information on the subject the county is peaceable. How refreshing in these days is this pronouncement from the Bench—'I have received from the authorities—I suppose that is the right term—the usual returns that are made up, but if I am to judge, the only judicial means of knowing the state of the country is the calendar that is before me as a judge, and I do not intend to travel outside my own duties, and you gentlemen of the jury are empanelled now for that purpose and no other, and I do not intend to address any observations to you outside your own duties.'

DONEGAL.—A Prison for Sale.

It is very rarely that a real genuine prison finds itself in the way of going to the highest purchaser. This, however, is the prospect at present at present before the county gaol of Lifford. Tenders for its purchase are invited by the Donegal County Council.

Death of an author.

To Mr Seumas MacManus, the well-known Irish novelist, the sympathy of many friends has been extended on the death of his young wife, who was also well known in the Irish literary world as Ethna Carbery. The funeral, which took place from Bevin House, Donegal, was attended by a large concourse of people. The chief mourners, with her husband, Seumas MacManus, included her father, Mr. Robert Johnston, Belfast, her mother, Mrs. Johnston, and only sister, Miss M. Johnston. Mr and Mrs Patrick MacManus, parents of Seumas MacManus, Miss MacManus (sister), and Mr John MacManus (brother). At Frosses Church and at the grave Father Blake, Adm., Killymarl, Father McCafferty, Adm., Inver, and Father McLoone, C.C., officiated. Amongst those present or represented were the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, the clergymen of the surrounding parishes, and the professional and business men of Mountcharles and Donegal.

DUBLIN.—For the Hospitals.

It was announced some time ago that through the munificence of the late James Weir the hospitals of Dublin and the vicinity would benefit to the extent of over £100,000, being the anticipated residue of the estate after payment of legacies, debts, and expenses. The estate has now been finally wound up, and the amount actually distributed amongst the hospitals came to £122,000. Between 40 and 50 hospitals have benefited without reference to creed, the most necessitous being most largely assisted.

Freedom of the City.

In the early part of April the freedom of Dublin city was formally conferred on Mr. John Redmond, M.P., the ceremony taking place in the City Hall, under the presidency of Lord Mayor Harrington. The Lord Mayor, in making the presentation, said the Town Council of Dublin desired to mark especially the enormous success which the Irish party had attained under the chairmanship of Mr. Redmond. Following the presentation of the freedom of Dublin to Mr. John Redmond, he received the Freedom of Cork a few days later. In his speech, Mr. Redmond alluded appreciatively to the action of Irish constituencies in recent bye-elections in exacting pledges for regular attendance from the new members chosen. Mr. Redmond went on to point out that, notwithstanding the habitual absence of the few absentees, the attendance of the Irish Party last session was exceptionally good, and better than it had been at any time previously. Speaking of the new Land Bill, Mr. Redmond said it would never have been introduced had it not been for the United Irish League agitation. So long as the clause remains in the Bill which prevented tenants obtaining fair rents under the Act of '81, so long would the Irish Party oppose it. He did not believe, however, that the Government seriously intended to go on with the Bill, and a safe attitude for the Irish Party and the Irish people, if the objectionable clause were retained, would be an attitude of uncompromising opposition at every stage.

A Contrast.

Mr. McLugh, M.P., whose determined stand against jury-packing got him six months' imprisonment, was recently made an honorary freeman of the city of Dublin. In acknowledging the honor he delivered an able and pointed address, in the course of which he drew a striking contrast between government by force and government by consent. 'Here,' he said, addressing the Lord Mayor and members of the Municipal Council 'you have government by consent, next door, meaning Dublin Castle, you have government by force, with its machinery of partisan judges, packed juries, and perjured policemen. The government by consent confers on me the highest honor in its gift, the government by force sends me to prison as a lawbreaker.' The contrast was not less striking than true, and points a moral which the Government might ponder over.

Curious Discovery.

While making alterations recently in a public-house in the vicinity of Conception Hall on Bugh Quay, Dublin, some workmen discovered a large number of flags and letters between the ceiling and the roof. One of the former contains a fine painting of Daniel O'Connell, and underneath at the following inscription: 'This day commemorates the monumental fame of Ireland.' The banner cost £120, and was only used once, namely, at the laying of the foundation stone of the O'Connell monument in 1861. Among the letters are several written by Rosa Edgeworth, a relative of Maria Edgeworth, the novelist. Why and when they were secreted can only be conjectured.

KERRY.—Missed White Gloves.

At Killarney Quarter Sessions Judge Shaw missed getting a pair of white gloves owing to a case about the stealing of periwinkles coming up for trial. He complained of the grievance as he was accustomed to receiving these presents emblematic of crimelessness, and added jocosely that this case did not indicate any disturbed state of the county.

KILKENNY.

The death is reported of Mr. J. J. Comerford, Kilkenny. He began his career as a journalist upon the 'Munster Press.' For some time he represented the 'Freeman's Journal' at Limerick, but his health failing, he proceeded to South Africa in the hope of its restoration. He was at Graaf Reinet when the war broke out, and his letters from that place, which were published in the 'Freeman's Journal' during the early stages of the war, gave a graphic and reliable account of the state of Dutch feeling in Cape Colony.

LIMERICK.

The will bears date 1st April, 1899, of Mr. Aubrey Thomas De Vere, of Curragh Chase, Limerick, poet, who died on the 21st January last, aged 87 years, son of Sir Aubrey De Vere. The testator bequeathed £100 to the Abbot of the Monastery at Mount Melleray, and £100 to the Catholic Poor Schools Committee, and £300 and the copyright of 'My Recollections' to Elnor Vere Monsell. He appointed as his literary executors Wilfred Ward and Wilfred Meynell and Eleanor Towle and Agnes Lambert, and he bequeathed to them £50 each, and he left the copyright of his works other than 'My Recollections' to the Archbishop of Westminster, in trust for the religious education of Roman Catholics, and especially of Irish Roman Catholics, in England. Subject to some other legacies, Mr. De Vere left his property to his brother (Sir Stephen De Vere), and he appointed as executor of his estate, other than his literary property, his nephew, Mr. Robert Vere O'Brien, of Ballyalla, Ennis. The late Mr. De Vere's personal estate has been valued at £3875 16s 3d, including £799 12s 11d in England.

The Papal Brigade.

Mr. Thomas Ryan, gilder, Little William street, Limerick, who recently passed away, was the first of Limerick's citizens who joined 'The Papal Brigade.' 'The Limerick Brigade, to which many young men attached themselves for the defence of Pope Pius IX and the Papal States against the attacks of Victor Fannanuel, was organised by the Rev. T. Shanahan, then of St. Michael's parish, and now parish priest of St. Munchin's, and his call was heartily responded to. The late Mr. Ryan was the recipient of a medal from Pope Pius IX, in connection with his service, and in 1891 he was presented with another medal and a certificate by Pope Leo XIII.

High-handed Proceedings.

The police in many parts of the country (says an Irish exchange) are apparently coercion-mad. If not, how is the disgraceful case reported from Drumeellogher to be explained? A young man, the son of a trader in Broadford, is leaning against a wall near his own home. Policemen come along, and one of them—a sergeant—orders him to go home. The young man properly refuses, and is arrested for drunkenness and taken to the lockup and kept there all night. What are the facts of the young man's condition? That he had not tasted a drop of intoxicating liquor that day. This was sworn to by a doctor, who examined him. There were no signs or traces of drink on the accused. With rare courage the Removable and a brother magistrate dismissed the