

Irish News

ANTRIM—A Windfall

A Belfast pawnbroker's assistant named Bogues has learned that under the will of his uncle, Mr. James McKeown, a leading local pawnbroker and curio collector, who died recently, he had been left £15,000, his employer's business, and some valuable freehold property in Bangor, County Down. Deceased, a childless widower, also left £100 to each of Mr. Bogues' nine children, the amount named to be presented on their respective birthdays.

University Education

The Most Rev. Dr. Tohill, Lord Bishop of Down and Connor, speaking in St. Paul's Church, Belfast, on his annual visit to administer Confirmation advised parents to take advantage of all the educational opportunities now at the disposal of children, from the primary schools up to the Queen's University. The parish contained over 10,000 of a Catholic population, and many families would be sending their children into a profession. He was only doing his duty in calling attention to the safe facilities for university education that were now within their reach, and where boys and girls would be under the supervision of their Church.

CLARE—Another Double Subscription

The Right Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, in a letter to Mr. John Redmond, M.P., enclosing a subscription of £10 to the Parliamentary Fund, says:—'We are threatened at this moment with an unbearable disgrace. Because Nationalist Ireland happens to be poor, an advantage, it seems, is to be taken of this poverty to break up her National Parliamentary Party, and place her again under the power of the class of men who sold away her freedom at the time of the Union. I am confident that the masses of the Irish people, whatever be the sacrifice, will not permit such an outrage on our National interests and honor.'

DOWN—Charitable and other Bequests

Mr. Patrick Murphy, of Marcus square, Newry, who died on December 20, 1909, left real and personal estate of the value of £103,450. The testator gave £5000 each to the Bodleian Library, Oxford, the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, and the Royal Hospital, Belfast, and a similar sum, with his collection of coins and tokens, to the Science and Art Museum, Dublin; £1000 to the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Newry, and the same to the Poor Clares, Newry. The residue of his estate he bequeathed to the Urban Council of Newry for the purpose of paying off the debt of the town and relieving the rates.

DUBLIN—The Harrington Fund

Unfair taunts (remarks a Dublin correspondent) are frequently levelled at the Nationalists who devote their lives to the service of their native land. They are charged with living by the agitation and piling up money by it. For such accusations there is no foundation whatever. Witness the case of the late Mr. Harrington. Hundreds of thousands of pounds passed through his hands during the last 30 years, yet he died a poorer man than when he entered public life. The Lord Mayor and some leading citizens have formed a committee to raise funds for his widow and young family, and substantial sums have already been subscribed. His Eminence Cardinal Logue, in sending £10, writes:—'By the death of Mr. Harrington, at a comparatively early age, the country has suffered a serious loss. Though at one period I could not agree with his views, I feel convinced that he has always honestly followed the course which he thought best for the National welfare. He has given long, earnest, brilliant, and efficient service to the country—a service which brought him little return beyond the satisfaction of having done his duty. It would, therefore, be a reproach if those who depended upon him should suffer by his devotion. I am sure the gratitude of his countrymen will prevent such a misfortune.'

A Popular Priest

The archdiocese of Dublin has suffered a great bereavement by the death of Rev. Edmund Cullen, which took place in Kingstown on March 18. Father Cullen, who was a grand-nephew of the late Cardinal Cullen, entered Castleknock College when very young, and having received his preliminary training in that well-known institution, went to Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, from which in due course he proceeded to the Irish College, Paris, where he was ordained in 1884.

GALWAY—Had Not Lost the Faith

On St. Patrick's Day the Right Rev. Dr. Gilmartin, Bishop of Clonfert, paid a visit to Portumna, where he was enthusiastically welcomed and presented with addresses from public bodies. His Lordship having expressed thanks for his reception, said it was with a sense of pleasure and hope that he joined hand and heart with the people, who were as conspicuous for their devotion to the Faith as for their loyalty to their country. There was no other saint's feast in the calendar more suited to the first meeting of an Irish Bishop with his people than the Feast of the National Apostle. The Irish had been robbed of churches and lands, but there was one thing left which was worth

ten thousand times more than all they had lost—the Faith which St. Patrick had planted. In that Faith the children of Ireland, scattered throughout the whole world, were one nation before God. The happy circumstance of meeting for the first time on an occasion that unites the hearts and hopes of all Irishmen was, he trusted, an omen that St. Patrick would bless their union, and that they would work together as Irish pastors and Irish people for the glory of God and the welfare of Ireland.

A1 Example of Toleration

The Bishop of Galway, writing to the Very Rev. Father Dooley, chaplain of the A.O.H., presiding at a meeting held in Galway City to sustain the National organisation there, said he hoped that at the next General Election Mr. Stephen Gwynn would again be unanimously returned as representative of the city. This generous tribute from a Catholic Bishop in favor of a Protestant Nationalist, should assist in dispelling the calumnies regarding bigoted exclusion on the part of Catholics in Ireland.

KILDARE—The Judge's Congratulations

Mr. Justice Gibson, addressing the Grand Jury at the opening of the Kildare Assizes, said there were six cases to be considered by them. With regard to the general condition of the county, he was very glad to be informed by the officer of police that the state of their county was quite satisfactory, on which fact he offered them his sincere congratulations.

LIMERICK—Death of a Scientist

Father Selley, O.S.A., who had for many years devoted himself to the study of astronomy, died on March 21 at the Priory, George street, Limerick.

SLIGO—Bishop Clancy's Return from Rome

An enthusiastic welcome was accorded the Right Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, on Thursday, March 17, on his arrival in Sligo from Rome. Replying to addresses from the priests and laity of the diocese, his Lordship dwelt on the intimate relations that have existed through all the centuries between Ireland and the Eternal City, and spoke of the obligation imposed upon the Bishops of making periodical visits to the tomb of the Apostles and kneeling at the feet of the Pope. His Lordship said he explained the condition of his diocese to the Holy Father and told him of the progress of religion, the march of temperance, and the cultivation of domestic virtue therein. There was no other part of the world, he said, that occupied a larger place in the heart of the Holy Father than their own dear country, nor any other people to whom he gave more generous proof of his love than the children of the Gael. With reference to the part of the address dealing with his Lordship's zeal for the realisation of the political aspirations of the Irish people, Dr. Clancy said he had done his little best towards the achievement of the national enfranchisement of his country, and he hoped that whether his life was long or short, it would be devoted, after the higher spiritual interests entrusted to him, to promoting the industrial and political well-being of the people. To further these important ends, unity among the people, and the maintenance between the clergy and laity of those ties of confidence and sympathy that had ever been prominent characteristics of their country were indispensable.

WICKLOW—Terrible Explosion

An explosion occurred at Kynocks' Arklow cordite factory on March 16, which resulted in the death of two employees. The explosives' works are situated about half a mile outside the town, and there are upwards of 400 hands employed in the different departments. When the loud report of the explosion was heard in the town, all commenced to rush in the direction of the works, from which a huge volume of flame could be seen rising fully 300 feet in the air. It was found that one of the gunnison drying houses had been blown completely away, and two young men—Patrick Ivory and John Byrne—were literally blown to pieces.

GENERAL

St. Patrick's Day in London

The St. Patrick's Day banquet in the Hotel Cecil was one of the most successful Irish gatherings ever held in London. The large and magnificent banquet hall, which seats 600 guests, was crowded by a brilliant assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, and, in addition, the committee were obliged to arrange for an overflow gathering in another hall of the hotel. The menu, which was beautifully designed, was printed in Irish and French, and during the dinner an orchestra played a selection of Irish airs. Mr. John Redmond, M.P., presided for the eleventh year in succession, and proposed the toast of 'Ireland a Nation,' in a speech which aroused tremendous enthusiasm, which was renewed when, at a later stage, the company rose to honor the toast of his health. Cable messages conveying greetings were received from Messrs. O'Callaghan and Fitzpatrick, secretary and treasurer respectively of the United Irish League of America, and notifying the forwarding of another £1000 as a contribution to the Parliamentary Fund.

A Successful Function

The sum of £600 was subscribed at the reception and 'At Home' given to Mr. and Mrs. Redmond and Mr. T. P.

DEAR ME! Forgotten that SYMINGTON'S COFFEE ESSENCE! Whatever shall I do? Call at the nearest Store and ask. They all keep it.