

Irish News

ANTRIM—Necessity of Winter Dairying

A meeting of the Creamery Managers' Association of Ireland was held recently in Belfast, and some important resolutions were passed. One of these declared that the only serious obstacle to Irish creamery butter obtaining foremost place now in the British market was the absence of winter dairying in Ireland, and the Department of Agriculture was asked to take steps to remedy this drawback. Another resolution protested against the department obtaining any compulsory powers whatever regarding the manufacture or methods of marking butter.

ARMAGH—A Sign of the Times

An important and significant meeting was held in Portadown recently in connection with the Town Tenants' Defence Association. The secretary of that association (Mr. Cochran Briscoe, of Dublin), who is himself a very fervent and uncompromising Catholic, was received in the citadel of Ulster Orangism by Mr. Spence, J.P., a Protestant magnate, who took the chair. The attendance included indiscriminately men of all creeds and shades of politics. The first resolution passed was one of sorrow at the death of the late King, proposed by a Protestant and seconded by a Catholic. Another resolution declared that the work of securing legislation for town tenants and proper houses for town people was one of urgent necessity demanding the assistance of all creeds and classes. Mr. Briscoe delivered an address in support of this resolution, stating that what had been done in other parts of Ireland in connection with the Town Tenants' League could be done in Ulster. How needful is a Town Tenants' organisation in Portadown may be gathered from the statement of Dr. Rowlett, who said there were at least 100 houses in Portadown he would feel it his duty to condemn if the residents had choice of other dwellings. In one place he had found six sleepers in one bed. At the close of the meeting, which was very satisfactory and unanimous, a deputation from Lurgan waited on Mr. Briscoe and asked him to address a meeting here. Such unanimity between Orange and Green in Ulster on this important question is an import of unmistakable significance.

CARLOW—Visit of an Australian Prelate

The Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Wilcannia, arrived in Carlow on May 24, and was the guest of the authorities of St. Patrick's College. The Bishop of Wilcannia was born at Rhode, King's County, and after a very distinguished scholastic career was ordained at St. Patrick's College, Carlow.

CORK—University for Munster

The conferring of degrees took place recently at University College, Cork. In the course of his speech, Dr. Windle made a strong claim for a Munster University. He also said he hoped, after his plain statement of facts, that we should hear no more idle talk as to the educational position of the Cork College.

DONEGAL—Consecrated Bishop

The *Derry Journal*, reporting the consecration of the Right Rev. J. B. MacGinley, who has been appointed Bishop of Nueva Casseres, in the Philippines, gives some interesting particulars regarding the new prelate: Bishop MacGinley is a native of Croagh, County Donegal, and after receiving his primary education at the National School studied for three years at St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny. He afterwards became a student of the American College, Rome, where his course was one of great distinction. Since his ordination Dr. MacGinley's career has been principally in the United States, where he has gained the goodwill of all classes of the community. Dr. MacGinley is brother of the Very Rev. Dean MacGinley, Maynooth College, and of the Very Rev. Dr. Leo MacGinley, Philadelphia. His mother and other members of the family (Mr. C. MacGinley and Miss V. MacGinley) live at Killybegs. Mrs. H. C. O'Doherty, of this city, is the new Bishop's aunt. His uncle, Very Rev. J. P. Synnott, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo's Church, Philadelphia, is one of the most popular priests in America. Dr. MacGinley's father, the late Mr. T. C. MacGinley, was a distinguished teacher and educationalist, the author of many books on social and scientific subjects.

GALWAY—Proposed Cathedral

The energetic Bishop of Galway, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea, who has lately put forth the very considerable project for providing the city and diocese of Galway with a Cathedral and Diocesan College, has already obtained sites for both edifices, and on the Feast of Corpus Christi his Lordship took the first step towards the realisation of his design by blessing the foundation-stone of the college. The Bishops of Elphin and Clonfert joined the Bishop of Galway in the opening ceremony. As soon as this was concluded a public meeting was held, at which speeches advocating the new project were delivered by the Bishops present, by Lord Killanin, Professor Colahan, Father Dooley, and others. A number of encouraging letters promising assistance were received from many Galway Catholics unable to be present.

Mr. Stephen Gwynn, M.P., also wrote sending his good wishes, and expressing his satisfaction that he had been able to assist Father Dooley in securing the beautiful site upon which the new Cathedral is to be built. The subscriptions handed in brought the total sum up to nearly £8000. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea and Lord Killanin contributed £1000 each; Father Dooley and Sir George Morris, £500 each; Miss Blake, Murrough House, £300; Father Conroy, Lisdoonvarna, £250; his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, Right Rev. Mgr. Fahy, Gort, Rev. Father Connolly, Ennistymon, Father Curran, Moycullen, Very Rev. Father Craddock, Galway, Mr. John Cummins, High street, and Mr. James Blake, £200 each; Very Rev. Father Tully, Clarenbridge, Very Rev. Father Curran, Kilshanny, Very Rev. Father York, Very Rev. Father Newell, Rev. J. Kealey, Mr. M. O'Dea, Rev. Father Considine, Messrs. McDonagh and Sons, Mr. Martin Hynes, Mr. T. N. Kenny, Mr. Martin Brennan, Mr. P. D. Conroy, and Mr. Michael Kelly, £100 each.

An Interesting Ceremony

An interesting ceremony took place on the feast of Corpus Christi. On that day, before the Solemn Mass, the Archbishop of Tuam blessed the beautiful fac-simile in silver of the cross of Cong, which, on the occasion of his Episcopal Silver Jubilee, was presented to him by his lay friends. The original cross was hidden carefully during the stormy times of the Reformation. Early in the last century it was found by Father Prendergast, the parish priest of Cong, from whom it passed to its present resting place in the Royal Irish Academy. The Archbishop has bequeathed the silver fac-simile to the metropolitan See of Tuam.

LOUTH—A Serious Fire

A serious fire broke out on Sunday, May 29, in the linen mill of Messrs. Robert Ussher and Co., Ltd., Drogheda. The conflagration proved so fierce and destructive that in a couple of hours the whole building was reduced to ashes. The damage is estimated at about £15,000, and is fairly well covered by insurance. Upwards of 200 hands were employed, and the catastrophe will mean that all these people will be thrown idle.

TIPPERARY—A Centenarian

Quite a number of Tipperary centenarians have died lately. The latest to pass away is Mr. Andrew English, Burncourt, Clogheen, who had reached the grand old age of 103. He was a fine type of Tipperary manhood, and up to his fatal illness retained good health, and was seen at work some time before his death. He was a genial, chatty old man, and took pride in recounting historic local incidents that had occurred to his own knowledge in the stirring days of old.

WESTMEATH—A Pleasing Incident

A very happy incident was reported from Athlone during the last week in May regarding the reinstatement of an evicted tenant, Mrs. Rose Egan, of Belmont, who, after many years' eviction from her farm, has just been restored to her holding. The estate belonged to the Earl of Rosse, who was selling it to his tenants. The tenants magnanimously declined to sign the purchase agreement unless Widow Egan was included in the bargain. This was eventually conceded. When the widow was restored to her farm the neighbors gathered in force with horses and ploughs and practically cropped the whole farm in the course of a single day.

GENERAL

No Use for Prisons

In the last twenty years ending March, 1910, owing to the absence of crime in the country, twelve prisons have been closed in Ireland—namely, Downpatrick, Carrick-on-Shannon, Drogheda, Ennis, Enniskillen, Grangegorman, Mullingar, Omagh, Wexford, Wicklow, Limerick (Female), and Kilmainham.

No Political Significance

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, speaking at Aberdeen, referred to the death of King Edward, and said from no part of these realms had a more general and spontaneous manifestation of regret and sympathy and goodwill flowed than from Ireland. To read into that manifestation a political significance which it was not intended to bear would be quite wrong and unfair. King George, he added, greatly appreciated these manifestations from Ireland.

Women's Suffrage

Mr. T. M. Kettle, M.P., and Mr. Stephen Gwynn, M.P., are supporting the new Bill for Women's Suffrage which was introduced last week by Mr. Shackleton.

The People Unanimous

In Ireland (writes a Dublin correspondent) Protestants and Catholics alike are practically unanimous in their desire to have the terms of the Coronation Oath which are so offensive to Catholics deleted and King George saved the humiliation of being compelled to publicly insult millions of his subjects. At meeting after meeting of publicly elected bodies throughout the country resolutions on the subject have been passed unanimously and strongly sup-