

Irish News

CORK—The Holy Father's Appreciation

The Holy Father, Pope Pius X., having acquainted himself personally with the nature and contents of the new prayer book brought out by the Rev. P. M. Lynch, Charleville, County Cork, has, in order to mark his appreciation of that charming book and its power for good in spreading religious devotion among the faithful, commissioned the Rector of the Irish College, Rome, Right Rev. Mgr. O'Riordan, to inform Father Lynch that his Holiness has heartily imparted to him his apostolic benediction.

Serious Accident to a Priest

A serious accident occurred to the Rev. Father O'Callaghan, Donoughmore, on June 16, by which he sustained a compound fracture of the leg. He was at the time of the unfortunate occurrence engaged in the praiseworthy task of checking a runaway horse which had got quite beyond the driver's control. The horse careered along at a terrific pace, and Father O'Callaghan, who happened to be a spectator of the occurrence, displayed a degree of courage which was highly commendable. The runaway horse was eventually brought to bay, but not until after the accident had been sustained by Father O'Callaghan.

The Member for East Cork

A Nationalist demonstration was held in Youghal on June 19. Speeches were delivered by Monsignor Keller, Captain Donelan, Messrs. W. Abraham, M.P., P. J. Power, M.P., J. Muldoon, M.P., A. Roche, M.P., and others. Resolutions were passed expressing confidence in Mr. Redmond and the Irish Parliamentary Party, protesting against the efforts being made to drive Captain Donelan from East Cork, and promising him, in the event of a contest, all the aid necessary to secure his triumphant return.

An Atrocious Libel

Mr. William Abraham, the newly elected Protestant representative of the most Catholic of the four divisions of Dublin, in a speech at Youghal on June 19 said:—'He had during a long life, in the course of which he had the pleasure of serving in his country's cause, experienced again and again the toleration of the Catholics of Ireland to one of those who differed from them in religious belief, and he desired to remind them that in 1885, being then one of the band which Charles Stewart Parnell gathered around him, he was returned for West Limerick, his native county, and there he remained undisturbed until 1892, when, on the recommendation of no less a person than Mr. William O'Brien himself, he was returned for the parliamentary division of North-East Cork, and at election after election he was not alone not opposed, but absolutely unanimously returned to Parliament for that Catholic division.' Mr. Abraham, whose claim to rank as a veteran in the national movement will not be denied, and whose life has been wholly cast amongst the Catholic Nationalists of the South, defended his colleagues of the Irish Party against the false charge of 'dependence' on any British political section, or allegiance to any leader or cause other than John Redmond and the interests of Ireland, and continued:—'He further desired to say, and he was glad to say it, that a more atrocious libel was never uttered against the people of Ireland than that when and if Home Rule was obtained it would mean danger to their Protestant fellow-countrymen. It was further said that the moment a Protestant joined the Irish Party he ceased to represent the Protestants, and was a man of no account. And what was the conciliation which they now heard so much talk about? Every Protestant who was opposed to the Irish Party, every Protestant who was a Unionist at heart, were the people who must be conciliated. Well, he had no sort of patience with conciliation which was not conciliation with comrades and true Nationalists, but with the hereditary enemies of Ireland. That was his idea of conciliation, but if any man came forward and gave his adherence to the National programme, there was no country in the world in which he would be more heartily welcomed than by the Nationalists of Ireland and to the ranks of the Irish Party.'

DUBLIN—Ordinations at Maynooth

On Sunday morning, June 19, the beautiful chapel of Maynooth College was crowded when seventy-five candidates were raised to the priesthood. His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, officiated, and the solemn function, which lasted three hours, was followed with reverence and devotion by the large congregation of the students' friends. The singing by the choir of students of 'Veni Creator' during the ceremony added to the deep impressiveness of the scene.

Maynooth College

The Very Rev. Canon Hogan, D.D., Professor of Modern Languages, Maynooth College, has been appointed Vice-President of the college, and the Rev. Thomas O'Doherty, of the diocese of Elphin, Dean. In Maynooth College on June 20 the degree of Bachelor of Theology was conferred on the following students:—Rev. W. Moran, Meath; Rev. E. Kissane, Kerry; Rev. T. Doyle, Derry; Rev. J. Mitchell, Galway; Rev. P. Barry, Cloyne; Rev. J.

Glynn, Elphin; Rev. W. Hegarty, Derry; Rev. J. Pinkman, Ardagh; Rev. M. Carney, Tuam; Rev. T. O'Kennedy, Cashel. A meeting of the Council of the Maynooth Union held on June 21 elected the Very Rev. Canon O'Mahony, P.P., Crookstown, County Cork, president of the Union for the next three years, in the room of the Very Rev. Canon Murphy, D.D., P.P., V.F., Macroom, whose term of office had expired.

The Maynooth Union

His Eminence Cardinal Logue presided at the general meeting of the Maynooth Union held in the college on June 21. The papers read and discussed were as follow:—'The Clergy and Irish Historical Studies,' by Rev. J. MacCaffrey, S.T.L., D.Ph., Maynooth College; 'Some Neo Catholic Movements in Literature,' by Rev. P. MacSweeney, M.A., Maynooth College; 'The Temperance Propaganda,' by Rev. T. Lyons, S.T.L., C.C., Dundalk, and one in Irish dealing with the language revival by Very Rev. Canon O'Leary. Father MacCaffrey's essay dealt with the importance of Irish ecclesiastical history, its claims upon the attention of Irish students and priests, the great services rendered to Irish historical studies in the past by the Catholic clergy, the difficulties which had to be overcome in modern times by the clergy, who devoted their leisure hours to such subjects, and the work done in different departments, notwithstanding these obstacles. The writer offered some suggestions with regard to diocesan records, parochial and diocesan histories, archaeological societies and archaeological journals, societies for the study of Irish ecclesiastical history and the publication of Irish historical records. Father MacSweeney's essay set forth the position which Catholic thought and ritual have played in literature in the past thirty years, more especially in evoking a revolt against the debasing influence of materialistic 'realism.' The writer of the paper treated of the part played by Coppée, Brunetiere, Huysmans, Verlaine, and Bazin in France; by Francis Thompson in England; and finally of the future of Catholic literature in Ireland. Father Lyons dealt with the temperance movement of recent years. Canon O'Leary in his contribution contended that it was the Irish language that kept the Irishman a true Gael, its influence helped him to keep a grip of his religion with God's grace.

The Oblate Fathers

The Most Rev. Dr. Döntenwill, Superior-General of the Oblates, accompanied by Very Rev. Father McSherry, Provincial, arrived in Dublin on June 16, and proceeded to Inchicore on a visit to the Oblate Fathers there, whose guest the Superior-General is. Dr. Döntenwill was elected Superior-General at the last General Chapter of the Oblates. This necessitated his resignation of the See of Vancouver, where he was beloved by every section of the community, and he was forthwith appointed Titular Archbishop of Ptolemais. On Sunday, June 19, his Grace officiated at the evening devotions in the beautiful church at Inchicore, which was filled in every part. Subsequently he was presented with addresses on behalf of the Oblate Fathers, the Confraternity of Mary Immaculate, and the residents of the district. Having thanked the Father Provincial and the people of Inchicore for their kindness, his Grace paid a high tribute to Irish Catholics. There were, he said, no people more devoted to the Church than the Irish. All over the world—and he had experience of them in many lands—their one great glory was that they had taken the seed of the Faith and planted it wherever they went. There was no people that had impressed him more than the Irish people owing to the fidelity they had shown to the Church. They were ever ready to do something for the Faith when called upon, and indeed before being called upon, and that was what he considered practical devotion to the Church.

FERMANAGH—Orange and Green

A very happy mingling of Orange and Green was witnessed recently at Enniskillen, when Lord Erne—who, by the way, is head of the Orange Order in Ireland, presented, on behalf of a number of friends, a complimentary address and a cheque to the Rev. J. E. McKenna, Dromore, County Tyrone, and formerly of Enniskillen, on account of Father McKenna's great work on behalf of technical instruction in County Fermanagh. The priest had been an untiring worker in furthering technical instruction during his stay in Enniskillen, and amongst those taking part in the presentation were many leading Protestants, one of them the Protestant rector of Garvary, Rev. John Hall.

LEITRIM—The See of Kilmore

The Holy Father, on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Consistorial Congregation, has appointed the Very Rev. Patrick Finegan, P.P., V.G., Ballinamore, County Leitrim, to be Bishop of Kilmore, in succession to the late Most Rev. Andrew Boylan, D.D.

TIPPERARY—Rockwell College

June 19 was prize day at Rockwell College, and, as usual, the interesting function attracted a large attendance of clergy, parents, and relatives of pupils, and other friends of the community. The Ven. Archdeacon Ryan, P.P., Fethard, was to have presided, but, to the regret of all, was prevented from attending at the last moment. His place was, however, taken by his well known namesake, Rev. M. Ryan, pastor of Knockavilla, and Vice-president