

Irish News

ANTRIM—A Centenarian

Mr. George Kelly, who passed away at Armoyn, County Antrim, recently, had reached the great age of 102 years, and up till a year or two ago had enjoyed splendid health. He was a native of County Derry, and attributed his longevity to an active outdoor life.

CORK—A Veteran Nationalist

While staying at Glengariffe recently, Mr. T. D. Sullivan was presented with an address on behalf of the Bantry Town Commissioners. It referred in warm terms to his long and glorious career, of devotion to his country's cause, and his noble efforts in battling for her rights by voice and pen, in song and story, on the platform, from the editorial chair, from the dock, the prison cell, and in the British Parliament. In the course of a touching reply Mr. Sullivan thanked the Council and the people of his native town for their kindness in remembering him so well and appreciating—perhaps too highly—whatever little help he had been able to render to the cause of their dear old land. Many of his companions had long since passed away, as he too expected to do ere long, but before that sad time arrived, he sincerely hoped that the little differences which at present kept good and true nationalists apart would be healed, and that they would all be united once more in the final struggle to make their beloved country a nation once again. Mr. Sullivan's wishes are sincerely re-echoed by all genuine Irish Nationalists.

Not in a Hostile Spirit

Mr. T. M. Healy, M.P., speaking at Cork, said they did not wish to take up the Government's proposals with regard to Home Rule, whatever they may be, in a factious or hostile spirit. They would give them fair play. The Government so framed the Parliament Bill as to take completely into pawn the entire power, machinery, and votes of the Irish Party for the next three years. He did not think it rash to say, having regard to the divisions in the Government ranks, that the Gordian knot may be cut before Home Rule arrived and a fresh General Election resorted to.

DUBLIN—A Golden Jubilee

Rev. Mother de Sales Mulvin, Superioress of the Presentation Convent, Lucan, Co. Dublin, one of the Sisters who founded the institution, celebrated her golden jubilee about the beginning of September. After High Mass the jubilarian, kneeling at the entrance to the sanctuary, was crowned with the jubilee wreath.

A Memorial

The people of Kingstown have erected a beautifully carved oak pulpit in St. Michael's Church in memory of the late Rev. Edward Cullen. The Very Rev. Canon Murphy, who preached the inaugural sermon, referred to Father Cullen's long association with the parish and to the connection of his distinguished family with the Catholic Church in Ireland, especially his uncle, Cardinal Cullen, and Mrs. Cullen, of the Sisters of Charity. Incidentally, the preacher said it was the first time in the forty years of his ministry that he had occasion to preach from a new pulpit. The memorial is a handsome addition to the parochial church of the premier township and a worthy monument to the beloved clergyman whose memory it will long perpetuate.

KILDARE—The Bishop and the Irish Party

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, in the course of a letter enclosing his annual subscription to the Parliamentary Fund says it gives him great pleasure to assist the Irish Party in the noble work to which they must now devote themselves—of exposing the sophisms and falsehoods by which Unionists are endeavouring to persuade the predominant partner that Home Rule would mean the ruin of all they hold dear, their property, their religion, and even their very lives. In view of the efforts which had recently been made to make political capital out of

incidents which had nothing to do with politics, it appears to his Lordship that what the propagators of these calumnies are really aiming at is not the prevention of Home Rule, which most of them must feel is inevitable, but to extract from Parliament certain safeguards which will enable them to entrench themselves in that position of power and privilege from the outposts of which they are gradually being dislodged. In concluding a trenchant letter, Dr. Foley says nothing could be meaner than the use which they sought to make of the *Ne Temere* decree, their ignorance of which was only equalled by their offensiveness.

LIMERICK—Sad Drowning Fatality

A sad drowning accident occurred at Corbally, Co. Limerick, on September 7, Edward O'Sullivan, 18 years of age, of Tournafoulla, Abbeyfeale, a student at the Redemptorist College, losing his life while bathing along with several companions. He sank before assistance could be rendered.

MAYO—The Temperance Movement

Mr. John Fitzgibbon, M.P., addressing a meeting of the Castlebar Total Abstinence Society, said he looked upon the temperance movement as the basis for building up a happy and prosperous Ireland, and those present should do their part in preaching temperance by force and example. The ambition of every man was to be happy, but he maintained there could be no happy home in the strict sense of the word unless the people were temperate. And there could be no halfway in this temperance movement; he believed the only safety was in total abstinence. All Irish questions, he did not care what they were, were in importance beneath this temperance question. It was, in his opinion, a question that was more important to Ireland even than the winning of Home Rule. He appealed to his audience not to be content with being temperate themselves, but to enlist members in that grand association.

Prelates Visit Their Native Place

The two Bishops who were consecrated recently paid a visit on Sunday afternoon, September 10, to Charlestown, the native place of both Dr. Morrisroe and Dr. O'Doherty, and, as might be expected, the whole town was *en fete* for their reception. People came from all parts to welcome the new prelates, and the church was crowded, one of the functions being the induction of Father Heveney to a Canonry of Achonry Cathedral by Dr. Morrisroe. The Bishop afterwards preached, and with much feeling alluded to the reception he had received. Dr. O'Doherty followed with a sympathetic address, and the proceedings closed with Benediction.

The Diocese of Killala

The diocese of Killala is one of the most famous in the history of the Irish Church. It is one of the five Suffragan Sees of the ecclesiastical province of Tuam, and comprises twenty-two parishes in North-West Mayo and the barony of Tireragh in County Sligo. The diocese was founded in 443 by St. Patrick, who placed it in charge of his saintly relative and disciple, the great Muredach, whose church 'Cell Alaid' gave the present name to the town and See.

MEATH—Sixty Years' Service

Mr. John Cowley, the doyen of Irish workhouse masters, died at Navan, County Meath, early in September, in his 81st year. He had been identified with the Navan Workhouse for over 60 years, and succeeded to the mastership on the death of his father, who was the first master. Mr. Cowley married the first matron of the workhouse, who predeceased him twenty years ago.

ROSCOMMON—Sheep for Australia

During the recent Horse Carnival of the Royal Dublin Society at Ballsbridge quite a number of the Australian visitors were attracted to the sheep section. Mr. Ross Munro, of Brisbane, Queensland, an extensive landowner, became fascinated with the native breed of Roscommon sheep, and after inquiry as to freights, etc., placed an order with Mr. Gavin Low for