

Irish News

GENERAL.

A suffragette was captured last week in the Dublin Art Gallery daubing Mr. Redmond's bust with green paint, in revenge for the manner he voted on the Dickinson Suffrage Bill.

Mr. T. M. Healy has written a book, just published by Longmans, entitled *Stolen Waters*, and dealing with the appropriation of Lough Neagh and its fishing rights by private owners on the strength of Crown grants to individuals alleged to have been made centuries ago, and never enforced till now.

The funeral took place during Holy Week to Foulstoun, near Kilkenny, of Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan, widow of the late Mr. James Sullivan, proprietor of the Kilkenny Brewery. The deceased lady was granddaughter of the Liberator, her father being Mr. John O'Connell, third son of Daniel O'Connell.

At Fermoy, on St. Patrick's Day, some stripling of an officer ordered a sergeant of twenty years' service to take a shamrock out of his cap. The sergeant disobeyed the order, and was placed under arrest, but the General in command of the district, coming to hear of the matter, ordered the charge against the sergeant to be withdrawn.

The death occurred rather suddenly on March 25 of the Rev. J. Nolan, Adm., Crusheen, Clare, in his 65th year. He attended the services in the church on Good Friday. He had been ten years in charge of Crusheen parish, and previously was curate in Clarecastle and Borrisokane. He was a native of Nenagh district, and had a distinguished collegiate course.

Much regret has been occasioned throughout North Kildare, by the lamented death of the Very Rev. Philip McCarthy, P.P., Ballymore Eustace. Father McCarthy, who was a Cork man, having been born at Kanturk, had reached an advanced age, and for some time past, owing to infirmity, was unable to discharge the duties of his sacred office. He officiated in Eadestown before going to Ballymore Eustace, and succeeded the late Very Rev. Canon Horgan in the latter parish.

Amongst Nationalists, especially in the South, there is deep regret at the news of the death of Right Rev. Mgr. O'Callaghan, St. Augustine's Church, Boston, U.S.A. Born in Macroom, County Cork, 72 years ago, he was for nearly fifty years attached to the parish of St. Augustine, where he was greatly beloved and in which his ministrations were very generally appreciated. An Irishman and a patriot to the heart's core, he always, whenever his clerical duties permitted, took an active part in all matters bearing upon Irish affairs, in connection with the progress of which he frequently visited his native country.

CORK PRIEST'S ADVICE TO IRISHMEN.

Speaking at a St. Patrick's Day demonstration in Cork, Very Rev. Father Mathew, O.S.F.C., referring to Ireland's future, advised his hearers to avoid intemperance, to study the history of their country, and to preserve the noble characteristics of their race. They were in sight of the promised land. The long night of persecution had passed, and the day-star of freedom had appeared. The nation was throbbing with new life, and soon the struggle of centuries would be crowned with victory.

BISHOP O'CALLAGHAN ON MANLY SPORT.

The Right Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, in presenting a cup to the Farranferris College Hurling Club a few weeks ago, said that, despite his many cares, he followed with the keenest interest the life of the students. Their success in the intellectual and the physical arena was a source of genuine pleasure to him. The national game of hurling was an excellent one for Irish boys, played as they played it. It was a clean and manly sport which built up the frame and taught self-reliance and self-control. In time to come many

of them who to-day brought honor to their college would as priests be in a position to do much for the physical and moral well-being of the young men.

SYMPATHY WITH IRELAND'S DEMANDS.

Referring to the strong support given to the Home Rule movement by Sir Joseph Ward, ex-Premier of New Zealand, the *Irish Press Agency* recalls that he was responsible for New Zealand's gift of a Dreadnought to the British Navy. In New Zealand the anti-Home Rulers could be reckoned at any number between a score and a hundred—not more—of the population. 'As one who wants to see conditions existing within the Empire that make for unity and strength,' said Sir Joseph, 'I would do much to see Ireland and her sons and daughters beyond the seas pacified. So, in my humble opinion, should everyone who wishes well of the Empire. It is a great work.' The magnitude of the work has been indicated by the expressions of opinion from the United States of America which have been given to the world—despite the stupid silence of the Tory press in Ireland and Great Britain—during the past few months. The President of the Republic, Dr. Woodrow Wilson, is a strong Home Ruler. Colonel W. J. Bryan, his Chief Officer of State, is the same. Ex-President Roosevelt and Mr. Champ Clark, the Speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington, have written enthusiastically in support of Ireland's demand. Since January last, no less than seventeen of the States of the American Union have passed resolutions in favor of it. Twelve State Governors, twenty-four Senators, and fifty-six Congressmen, have written expressing satisfaction at the passage of the Third Reading of the Home Rule Bill, hailing it as a great measure of justice, and as tending to more friendly relationship between America and England. The press of the United States, without any known exception, is most outspoken in favor of the Bill. Such an outpouring of representative public opinion on the part of the Republic in regard to a matter not directly affecting itself is without a precedent; and it possesses a significance which only those who are wilfully blinding themselves can ignore.

IRISH ATHLETE A SUCCESSFUL TEACHER.

Students of the Atlantic School of Wireless Telegraphy, Caherciveen, the first wireless school established in Ireland—students of the college from places as far apart as Iveragh, Tralee, Cork, and Dublin—passed the Marconi examination with distinction in March, and a further batch of earnest students hope to emulate them at the next opportunity. The principal of the college, Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald, A.M.I.E.E., is not less known as an all-round athlete than as a teacher of the mysteries of wireless telegraphy. He severed his connection with the Direct United States Cable Company at their Ballinskelligs office to embark on the project of a 'wireless' college in the same neighbourhood. That the district is an ideal one for the purpose will be gathered from the fact that what promises to be one of the largest 'wireless' stations in the world is being erected in Valentia, within a few miles of the new college. Moreover, three of the leading transatlantic cable companies have their European termini there—at Ballinskelligs, Waterville, and Valentia.

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

The late Mr. P. J. Power, M.P., of Newtown House, Tramore, who sat for East Waterford, left personal estate valued at £5743. He left £100 to his brother, Father Matthew Power, S.J., Sacred Heart Church, Edinburgh; a life annuity of £50 to his sisters, Mary, Anne, and Elizabeth; a perpetual annuity of £50 to his sister, Mrs. Smithwick; a perpetual annuity of £20 to his sister, Mrs. P. McCann; £25 to the Superioress of the Sisters of Charity, Tramore, Co. Waterford, for the relief of poor children attending the schools of the community; £50 to the Abbot of Mount Mellerau for Masses; £50 to the parish priests and curates of Tramore for Masses. The residue of his property he left to his brother, Daniel Power.

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