

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—Heirs to a Fortune.—Mr. Paul Wilkes, an American attorney from Dakota, who has been some time in Belfast seeking the heirs to a fortune of £20,000 (says the *Dublin Mail*), is reported at length to have succeeded in his quest. About 40 years ago a John McClelland, of County Armagh, left for America, where he has just died intestate, leaving this sum, and Mr. Wilkes had the mission entrusted to him by the Court of Dakota City to discover the next of kin. Margaret Hamilton and Mary McClelland have now established to this gentleman's satisfaction that they are nieces of the deceased, and probably the sole heirs.

ARMAGH.—The Completion of the Cathedral.—Among the contributions received by his Eminence Cardinal Logue towards the completion of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, are those from the following:—His Eminence Cardinal Parocchi, Cardinal Vicar of Rome; his Eminence Cardinal Coullie, Archbishop of Lyons; the Cardinal-Archbishop of Rennes; his Eminence Cardinal Kropp, Bishop of Breslau; his Eminence Vincent Cardinal Vannutelli, Rome; his Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, Baltimore, U.S.A.; Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry; Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor; Most Rev. Dr. McCormick, Bishop of Galway.

CORK.—The Castle of Kanturk.—It is reported that the ruined Castle of Kanturk, County Cork, has been offered by the Countess of Egmont to the National Trust for places of interest and beauty to be preserved for ever as a national possession. This curious edifice was erected on the banks of the Brogueen, a tributary of the Blackwater, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The builder, Donough McCarthy, a chieftain, is said to have forced all passers-by to labour at his castle. In his anxiety to surpass all chieftains of the neighbourhood, he gave orders that it should be roofed with glass. His neighbours became alarmed and complained to the Privy Council that the castle was much too large for a subject, whereupon an order was sent to McCarthy to stop his work just as the battlements were about to be raised. Unable to defy the Government, McCarthy, in his furious disappointment, gave orders that the glass roof should be dashed to pieces and thrown into the Brogueen, and the castle has never yet been inhabited. At the last meeting of the National Trust it was decided to accept her Ladyship's offer, and it is hoped that the interesting and striking relic will soon pass into the care of the society, to be held in perpetuity for the nation.

CLARE.—The Fishing Industry.—Active measures are being taken by the County Council of Clare and its Parliamentary representative to secure a substantial share of the £10,000 granted for the help of the Irish fishing industry. There are no workers more heavily handicapped than the West Clare fishermen, and none are more worthy of assistance. Industrious, patient, and honest, they toil for their scanty livelihood in the face of enormous difficulties. Properly equipped boats and fishing gear are needed, while equally necessary is the improvement of landing-places and harbour piers along the coast. The case of the fishermen of Ireland has not up to this received the sympathy or consideration it deserves, and I trust (writes a correspondent) the interests of the poor toilers of the sea will soon find substantial advocacy with the present Executive which has initiated so many beneficent measures, and is extending a helping hand to many industrial enterprises in Ireland. A good deal of indignation is being caused among the fishermen, buyers, curers, and exporters on the south and west coasts owing to the appearance on the fishing ground of American fishing boats, which have, it is felt, entered unfairly into competition with the local men. A few years ago capitalists interested in the development of the Irish deep-sea fisheries, finding that there was a large market for cured mackerel in the United States, set to work to supply the demand. A large trade was being developed and a considerable amount of remunerative employment was being afforded round the Irish coast at a period of the year when ordinary employment was scarcest. The McKinley tariff has, however, helped to extinguish the enterprise so far as local interests are concerned, the high rates charged rendering it no longer remunerative to carry on the trade.

DONEGAL.—Death of a Venerable Priest.—The death is announced from Letterkenny of a venerable priest, the Rev. William Brady, at the age of 78 years. For nearly 20 years he had resided in Letterkenny. He was a native of Donegal. His first work as a priest was as chaplain to an English regiment in the Indian Mutiny. He taught at Agra, in India, afterwards. His health failing by the foreign climate, he returned to his native diocese of Raphoe many years ago.

DUBLIN.—A Tramway round the Hill of Howth.—The construction of the Hill of Howth tramway by the Great Northern Railway Company is being rapidly proceeded with, and the line will be open for traffic next season. The line will make a complete circuit of the Hill of Howth, thus affording excursionists an excellent opportunity of seeing the headland, which rises to a height of 563 feet in all its picturesque beauty.

The Town Clerk's Salary.—The members of the Dublin Corporation have fixed the salary of Mr. Henry Campbell, Town Clerk, at £1500 a year, subject to annual increments of £50 until it reaches £2000.

A National Temperance Conference.—The friends of Temperance in Ireland had much reason to rejoice over the result of the meeting of the National Temperance Conference held recently in Dublin. The addresses of the different speakers were marked by moderation, and while fully expressive of the gravity of the social evil their solutions of remedial propositions were practical in every

sense. It is a large step in advance (says the *New Era*) that the liquor interest and the advocates of temperance can at last find a substantial basis of agreement as to checks and limitations. A moderate measure of temperance reform is better than none. Those who would go as far as to suppress the traffic altogether may yet consent without loss of self-respect to promote a Bill which shall carry out the recommendations upon which the sections of the Royal Commission have agreed. The Earl of Meath, as chairman, explained very fully and clearly the main parts of the recent report of the Licensing Commission. The sympathy of many who were before unaware of the possibilities in near prospect will, no doubt, have been secured by this exposition, to reasonable course.

GALWAY.—The Marble Quarries.—During the past year (says the *Philadelphia Standard*, September 30) nearly one million dollars' worth of Irish marble, quarried within a few miles of Galway, has been imported into the United States for the decoration of fine public and private buildings. A lavish use has been made of it in the Columbia University buildings, and in the new university club house, Fifth avenue, New York. In the club house the grand hall is supported by 18 columns and pilasters of this marble in serpentine and green shades, highly polished and carved in the Celtic school of ornamentation. These columns are 38 feet high and 3½ feet in diameter. This marble was discovered more than a century ago, but the expense of quarrying and hauling it to tide water militated against its use.

KILKENNY.—Departure of a Carmelite.—General regret has been felt in Kilkenny at the departure of the Very Rev. Father Colfer, Prior of Knocktopher, who has been appointed President of the Carmelite College, Torenure, County Dublin.

The New Church of St. Patrick.—The new Church of St. Patrick, Kilkenny, is now almost finished. It will shortly be dedicated by the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ossory.

KILDARE.—Purchase of an Historic Mansion by an Irish-American.—Mr. Eugene Kelly, son of the late Irish-American banker and millionaire, has purchased the historic mansion of Castletown, County Kildare, the residence of Sir Peter O'Brien, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland.

Reinstatement of Tenants on the Clongorey Estate.—The Rev. A. Kinsella, P.P., of Carragh, in the County of Kildare has rendered an invaluable service alike to the cause of humanity and to the peace and good order of the district, by securing, after protracted negotiations, the reinstatement, on reasonable terms, of the evicted tenants on the Clongorey estate. These tenants were evicted in the old 'Plan of Campaign' days. The evictions were followed by serious disturbances in the district and a long series of coercion prosecution. Of late the evicted tenants have suffered much hardship. Their reinstatement, and the consequent restoration of peace and good will to the district, is a matter at which all parties may reasonably rejoice. It is to be hoped that the good example thus set may be widely followed. The main credit of this humane achievement undoubtedly belongs to Father Kinsella.

KERRY.—The 'Skibbereen Eagle' and the Dreyfus Case.—The Skibbereen *Eagle* has won a new claim to distinction. For ever so long it has been 'keeping its eye on Russia,' with the best results. Recently it found time to turn its other optic on France, and the immediate result was the release of Captain Alfred Dreyfus. Our historic contemporary modestly indicates the cause of the sudden determination of President Loubet thus:—'On a recent Saturday the *Eagle* demanded the release of Dreyfus. On Tuesday the President signed his pardon, and on Wednesday he was set at liberty. This was not slow work, considering that all the civilised Powers had previously appealed in vain to France to give Dreyfus his freedom. Looks and bolts and bars flew open to the voice of the *Eagle*. Even France could not stand the piercing gaze of its eye. After this, who will deny the power of the "famous bird"? Dreyfus is to-day a free man. Well may the Emperor of Russia live in terror while the *Eagle's* eye is upon him.'

The Lakes of Killarney.—For the fourth time during the past few months the cableman has reported the sale of the Muckross estate, which includes the greater portion of the far-famed Lakes of Killarney. Lord Ardilaun, a member of the Guinness family, is now said to be the purchaser. The price is said to be £80,000. According to an American exchange Sir Thomas Lipton offered £50,000 for the estate a few months ago. Sir Thomas Lipton said to an interviewer:—'I have made up my mind that the most charming piece of property in the world should be preserved to Ireland, and I think its preservation ought also to belong to an Irishman. If my offer is accepted I will present the whole estate, including the lakes, to the Irish people to have and to hold forever as Irish national property. I intend to vest the title of the property in the hand of trustees, who will forever maintain and preserve it.'

LIMERICK.—An American Purchases an Historic Estate.—An historic estate in the County Limerick has just changed owners. The place is known as Mountshannon, and was formerly the property of Lord Clare and his descendants. The new proprietor is Mr. Thomas Nevens, a wealthy American from Orange County, United States.

The New Protestant Bishop.—Limerick (says the *Irish Weekly*) may be a small and unprogressive place, but in respect of the cordial good feeling among its people of all classes it is miles ahead of Belfast. The *Munster News* says the new Protestant Bishop's election 'has been hailed with delight by all Dr. Bunbury's fellow-citizens, irrespective of every class and creed.' 'In the intensely Catholic city of Limerick,' we read, 'it is safe to say that there is no more popular clergyman than the new elected Protestant Bishop, a fact which speaks volumes for the kindness of disposition, Christian toleration, and active spirit of benevolence,