

Primate Dixon took up the work, which he continued till his death in 1866. At length Dr. MacGettigan was enabled to have the cathedral solemnly dedicated on August 24th, 1873, when the late Father Burke, O.P., preached. However, it remained for the present revered Primate, Cardinal Logue, to complete in every detail the glorious cathedral and have it consecrated.

CARLOW.—Demise of a Religious

Sister Gabriel M'Mahon, a member of the Brigidine Community at Tullow, County Carlow, passed to her reward recently. She belonged to an old and respected family—one which had given another Sister member to the religious life—resident at Castletown, Mountrath. The deceased was in the 46th year of her age and the 23rd of her profession.

CAVAN.—Death of a Parliamentary Representative

Mr. Thomas McGovern, M.P., for West Cavan, who had been ailing for some months, died at his residence, Gortmore, Bawnboy, County Cavan, in the early part of April.

LIMERICK.—Presentation

Mr. Joseph O'Mara, son of Alderman S. O'Mara, of Limerick, was presented by the employees of the well-known bacon-curing firm of O'Mara, Ltd., with an illuminated address and a watch and chain, on the eve of his departure for Canada to take over the management of a large bacon factory, lately acquired by the firm.

SLIGO.—Deputy Lieutenants

Major C. K. O'Hara, his Majesty's Lieutenant, has, with the approval of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, appointed The MacDermot, of Coolavin, and George Keogh, Esq., J.P., both of County Sligo, to be Deputy Lieutenants in and for the said county.

TIPPERARY.—The Late Archbishop Croke

A marble bust of the late Archbishop Croke has just been completed and erected in the mortuary chapel of the Cathedral, Thurles.

WATERFORD.—Domestic Science

At a meeting in Waterford presided over by the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Sir Horace Plunkett announced that the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction intended carrying out an educational experiment of building two schoolrooms for the teaching of domestic science, one under the control of the Protestant Institution in Belfast, and the other under the care of the Ursuline Convent of Waterford.

WEXFORD.—The Anti-Treating Movement

Sir Horace Plunkett has forwarded £50 to the Rev. J. J. Rossiter, House of Missions, Ennisclorthy, for the promotion of the Anti-Treating Movement. In his letter forwarding the cheque, Sir Horace Plunkett bears testimony to 'the excellent work which is being done in the cause of temperance by the Anti-Treating League,' and says that he intends this personal subscription from him as 'an expression of his practical sympathy with the work.'

GENERAL

Absence of Crime

The Royal Irish Constabulary (writes a Dublin correspondent) are being supplied with the most effective death-dealing weapons known to science, presumably for the suppression of crime. While this is so, the country is practically crimeless. At the Cork Quarter Sessions the Recorder was presented with white gloves. In the County Limerick Judge Adams met with a similar gratifying presentation, and the same happened in many other centres of population. Something better might well be done with the thousands of pounds now being spent on purchasing rifles for the Irish police.

The Agricultural Department

The head of the Agricultural Department has been sharply taken to task for the extraordinary views enunciated in his new book with regard to the Catholic Church. In the course of an able article in the 'Irish Ecclesiastical Record' the Rev. Dr. Hagan, Maynooth, says that 'it must be a subject of the deepest concern and uneasiness to all Irish Catholics to see at the head of a great public department, with extensive patronage in his hands, a man who openly professes his belief that the conception of economics based upon their religion is, in several of its most essential aspects, fundamentally wrong and bad.' Father Barry, P.P., Oldcastle, writing to the 'Freeman,' says he would like to see a list of the officials of the Agricultural Department, their nationality, their salaries, likewise their duties and emoluments—night and day allowances, etc.—also contemplated outlay in procuring site for new offices for the Department. Something more 'to shock the economic sense,' he believes, would come to light than monasticism in Ireland.

People We Hear About

Mr. Jenkins is the only State Premier of Australia who is not a native of the Commonwealth. Mr. Jenkins was born in North America, and the Federal Prime Minister (Mr. Watson) was born in South America. Both his predecessors—Messrs. Barton and Deakin—were native born.

James E. Burke, the blacksmith Democratic Mayor of Burlington, Vermont (U.S.A.), was re-elected on March 1 by the unprecedented majority over all other candidates of 505 votes. He made his fight on municipal ownership of electric lights, economy in city finances, honest government, and a public dock. Mr. Burke is an Irishman and a Catholic.

Perhaps the best-known Queenslander of the seven raised to the Legislative Council of that State is Mr. Peter Murphy. A native of County Limerick, Ireland, he was a grocer's apprentice, and emigrated to Queensland 34 years ago, his mother, brothers, and sisters having preceded him. He did whatever work came to him. He is largely interested in many business concerns, both in Brisbane and in Northern Queensland. Mr. Murphy, who is all that a large-hearted Irishman should be, has received many congratulations.

His Holiness Pius X. lately received in special audience a young Benedictine monk, the Rev. Dom Gregory Gerrer, O.S.B., belonging to the United States. This monk is a painter of considerable merit. He has been recently at work on a portrait of Pius X., and brought it with him to show it to the Pontiff. The Pope was quite impressed by the rare ability displayed by the young Benedictine, and when the latter asked him for a sitting in order that he might correct any faults or improve the picture, Pius X. readily consented. The picture was set up, Pius X. took the place desired by the artist, and the monk set to work with all diligence. The work is intended for America. Those who have seen it declare it to be one of the best which has yet been made of the new Pope.

Of a sum of 100,000 francs placed by a donor interested in the advance of science in the hands of the Syndicate of the Parisian Press to be given as prizes to scientists of pre-eminent distinction, 60,000 francs have been allotted to Mme. Curie to enable her to pursue her researches in connection with radium. This lady, who has taken the leading part in the discovery alluded to, though working in union with her husband, a Professor of Chemistry, is of Polish origin. She had early in life devoted herself to chemical studies, and had become assistant to M. Curie in his laboratory. She is energetic and active, and is in the habit of making a long course on her bicycle to conduct a chemical class in the Government College at Versailles. The lady also finds time herself to conduct the education of her little boy. The prize of 40,000 francs was allotted to M. Branly, a Professor in the Catholic Institute of Paris, for important discoveries made by him in relation to wireless telegraphy.

Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese Minister in London, who is naturally a prominent figure at the present moment, is a very Westernised specimen of a gentleman of Japan. He has written a book in English, while his knowledge of French is only second to that of his own tongue. He first went to England as a youth of 17, bent upon seeing Western ways, but the revolution in Japan called him home, and he was one of the adherents of the old Shogunati dynasty. Very often the Japanese Ambassador might have been seen taking a constitutional after lunch in Kensington Gardens, where he used to spend an hour strolling about or sitting under the trees, if the uncertain climate permitted. But since the war broke out Hayashi has not much time for leisure, for he is being visited all day long by Jew, by Jap, and Gentile, who pester him for news of the campaign. He lives almost wholly in European style, but on one evening in the week there is served a Japanese dinner. To this interesting function, however, Europeans are never invited, the guests being only those of his countrymen in London to whom he wishes to extend his hospitality.

Much troubled in mind, the Cynic reclined,

His star was not in ascendant;

He deigned not to scoff for he had a bad cough,

And a tear from his nose was pendant.

"I'll away!" said Diog, "to Delphi I'll jog,"

And consult that oracle sure."

He went, and it said, "For a cold in the head

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