

Irish News

ANTRIM.—Orange Rowdyism

Numbers of Orangemen from Belfast and the neighborhood avail of the cheap excursions during the summer to visit Warrenpoint. Their conduct while in this favorite watering-place is a disgrace to the brethren. Their rowdyism while visiting the Catholic church has been so bad that Father Maillon, P.P., has deemed it necessary to state to his congregation that it will not be possible to hear confessions at 12 o'clock on Saturdays as usual, until some means are devised for protection against their conduct. He will, he said, be obliged to close the church entirely while the excursionists are in the town.

ARMAGH.—Gift from the Pope

The Pope has made to Armagh Cathedral the splendid gift of a magnificent gold chalice, which was conveyed to Cardinal Logue by the Pope's representative, Cardinal Vannutelli.

The Lord Mayor to Attend

At the quarterly meeting of the Municipal Council of the city of Dublin it was decided unanimously that the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor should attend in state at the consecration of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, on July 24.

CORK.—A Bye-election

Mr. William O'Brien, who decided some time ago to retire from public life, and resigned his seat for Cork City, has evidently been prevailed upon to reconsider his decision, as a cable message states that he has been re-elected.

Returning from America

A Queenstown telegram reports a great rush of steerage passengers from America eastward. The 'Oceanic,' from New York arrived at Queenstown early in July with 1200 third-class passengers on board, and other steamers following are bringing large numbers.

DOWN.—Death by Drowning

Early in July while three men were proceeding down Strangford Lough in a small sailing yawl, their boat was caught in a strong ebb current, and, a squall striking her, she capsized. Two of the men, named M'Cormick and Adams, were after a time rescued in a semi-conscious condition, but the third, a fisherman named Samuel Bridges, of Killyleagh, County Down, was drowned.

Death of a Well-known Doctor

The sudden death has occurred at Newcastle, County Down, of Dr. William M'Keown, a well known and clever oculist.

Charitable Bequests

Mr. John Colman, of Mervyn, The Hill, Monkstown, County Dublin, solicitor, who died on March 13 last, left personal estate of the value of £20,304 7s 5d, and bequeathed £300 to the Very Rev. Robert J. Eaton (or his successor) for repairs or improvements to St. Patrick's Church, Kingstown, or towards the fund to build and maintain the schools for the poor children of that parish. Subject to legacies the testator left his property in equal shares to the following institutions: The St. Francis Xavier Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, the St. Vincent de Paul Male Orphanage, Glasnevin, the Magdalen Asylum, Drumcondra; the St. Joseph Blind Asylum, Drumcondra; the St. Mary's Penitential Retreat, Dublin; the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra; St. Vincent's Hospital, Stephen's Green; the Mater Misericordia Hospital, Dublin; the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross; the Poor Clares Convent, Harold's Cross; St. Joseph's Orphanage, Kingstown; St. Michael's Hospital, Kingstown; the Little Sisters of the Poor Birmingham; the Catholic Blind Asylum, Merrion; the Brigidine Convent, Goresbridge; the Sisters of the Faith, Dublin; the Little Sisters of the Assumption, Kingstown; the Public Hospital, Monkstown; the Dublin Clerical Fund Society, St. Patrick's Refuge, Kingstown; St. Mary's Dominican Convent Schools, Monkstown; and the Female Orphanage of St. Vincent de Paul, Dublin.

Death of a Passionist

On July 9 Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Paul's Church, Mount Argus, for the repose of the soul of Very Rev. Father Louis Irwin, O.P., who died in Bulgaria on June 27. Deceased was born in Rathmines nearly 60 years ago. He made his novitiate at St. Saviour's, Broadway, Worcestershire, and pursued his theological studies at Mount Argus under the direction of Father Ignatius Paoli, C.P., afterwards Archbishop of Bucharest, who, seeing his special aptitude for the acquisition of foreign languages, invited Father

Irwin to take a part in the missionary work of the Near East. The young Passionist readily consented. After a short time he was able to preach the Gospel not only in the State language of the country, but in the various dialects spoken in Bulgaria. For more than a quarter of a century he devoted himself to the propagation of the Gospel in the Balkan Provinces, frequently risking his life in the discharge of his duties. He was made Vicar-General of the diocese under the jurisdiction of Monsignor Doulet, Bishop of Miopolis, and he might have obtained episcopal honors but that he preferred to remain a humble missionary priest. He could also, had he so desired, have been translated to the Irish Province of his Order, but, like the good missionary that he was, he decided to spend his life in the land of the stranger, where his services were most needed.

GALWAY.—The Irish Dominicans

The Very Rev. John C. Lyons, O.P., West Convent, Galway, has been elected Provincial of the Irish Dominicans by the Chapter held at St. Mary's, Tallaght, County Dublin.

Drowning Accident

While bathing in the river near Ballinamore, County Galway, Lawrence, John, and Patrick Lohan, brothers, aged 13, 9, and 7 years respectively, and another youth named Coffey, were drowned.

MAYO.—An Appointment

Rev. M. J. O'Doherty, of the Diocesan College, Ballaghaderin, County Mayo, has been appointed Rector of the Irish College, Salamanca, Spain.

MEATH.—Death of a Priest

The Rev. John Fay, parish priest of the United parishes of Coole and Dangan, died at an early hour on July 10 in the Parochial House, Summerhill, near Trim. The deceased clergyman had been in failing health for the past twelve months or so, but was able to carry out the duties of his sacred office until about a week before his death. Father Fay, who sprang from an old and respected County Westmeath family, first saw the light at Castletown Geoghegan about sixty years ago.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.—Death of an Abbeyleix Man

In the death of Mr. Nicholas Delaney, at the venerable age of 83 years, the community of Abbeyleix have lost one who during a prolonged life merited and received high respect. The deceased was the father of the Rev. Joseph Delaney, P.P., Stradbally; the Rev. John Delaney, P.P., Rathvilly; and of Sister M. Aloysius, a member of the Presentation Order.

TIPPERARY.—A Successful Law Student

Mr. James O'Brien, son of Mr. P. J. O'Brien, M.P. for North Tipperary, has been admitted a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland. As an apprentice Mr. O'Brien had a distinguished career. He was auditor of the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society, 1902-3, was awarded the Incorporated Law Society's gold medal for oratory, and obtained a silver medal for superior answering at his final examination.

WEXFORD.—Strange Story of a Salmon

Some weeks ago (reports the Enniscorthy 'Echo') Mr. Peter Murphy, Brownwood, was fishing in the Slaney, when his efforts were rewarded by the capture of a salmon 26lb in weight, and 35 inches in length. Probably the fact would never be recorded in public print, however, were it not for the curious circumstance that, attached to one of the fins was a neat little silver brooch. To say the least, it was unusual to find a fish with a weakness for jewellery, and Mr. Murphy was naturally curious to learn how the victim of his net had come into possession of that familiar article of feminine adornment. And, being an eminently sensible man, he had recourse to the most practical means of arriving at the solution of the mystery—he advertised in 'The Echo.' In the course of a few days he received a communication to the effect that the salmon, after being decked with the brooch, was committed to the Slaney as far back as March, 1903, by Mr. Symes, steward at Mr. Hall-Dare's (Newtownbarry). In the intervening, fourteen months it had increased from 31 inches to 35 inches in length, and 11lb to 26lb in weight.

GENERAL

Masterly Inactivity

Mr. William O'Brien has sent to the press a letter of three columns dealing with the political situation in Ireland. He says that the past nine months have been months of inactivity, 'and unfortunately not of masterly inactivity,' on the part of the National leaders. He calls the policy of the Irish party 'the barking without biting policy.' Mr. O'Brien proposes to explain this position in a series of letters to the country.

Patronising Irish Industries

Speaking at the opening of the Irish section of the St. Louis Exhibition, Archbishop Glennon, who was