

Irish News

ANTRIM.—A Breach of Promise

At County Antrim Assizes Mary M'Kenna, widow, was awarded £250 damages for breach of promise of marriage against James M'Donnell, widower, the owner of considerable house property in Clones.

Boycotting Catholics in Belfast

When the Belfast Tramways Bill was before the House of Commons Mr. T. Healy said the measure put very large patronage in the hands of the Belfast Corporation, and it was of interest to know how that patronage would be exercised. One fourth of the population of Belfast was Catholic. One fourth of the population of Ireland was Protestant. Protestants should not have all the jobs, although they had enjoyed them for centuries. No person could controvert the figures he put forward, as to what had been the action of the Corporation of the city, one fourth of the population of which was Catholic. In the town clerk's department salaries were paid to 149 officers, of whom three alone were Catholics; 149 officers were paid £29,981 a year, of which Catholics received only £293. It was those gentlemen who acted on that scale who talked so loudly if a single Catholic doctor was promoted in Ballinasloe over a Protestant colleague. In the rate-collector's department, of £19,300 a year paid, £19,267 went to Protestants, and only £40 to Catholics. Was that to be perpetuated in the tramways system? He turned to the Board of Guardians and found that of 211 officers 205 were Protestants. He was told by a gentleman who had put down a motion to oppose the Bill that a solution had been arrived at on this very question, and surely he was entitled to know the nature of the arrangement. In the case of a transfer of patronage they were entitled to know whether the patronage would be exercised in the interests of the whole community.

ARMAGH.—Cardinal Logue

His Eminence Cardinal Logue received a number of addresses at Armagh on July 20, on the occasion of his silver jubilee, and in the course of his replies referred, amongst other matters, to the necessity for a Catholic University, and declared his conviction that the work of the local Councils in Ireland had proved the fitness of the people for a larger measure of self-government. He believed that Ireland would never really be prosperous until the business and interests of the country were committed to the management of the Irish people themselves.

A Work of Art

The Nuns of the Good Shepherd Convent, Ballynafeigh, have completed what probably is the handsomest and most artistic cope ever made in Ireland, and which was to have been used for the first time at the Armagh ceremonial. Every scrap of material necessary was made in Ireland, and the whole of the work was done solely by hand within the convent walls.

CARLOW.—Memorial to Father Murphy

The laying of the foundation stone of a memorial in Tullow to Father John Murphy, the martyr-priest of '98, was made the occasion of a large and enthusiastic demonstration on Sunday, July 17. Speeches were delivered by Mr. Hammond, M.P., the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. T. D. Sullivan, and others.

CLARE.—A Change of Front

Major Jameson, M.P., has formally taken his seat on the Ministerial side of the House of Commons, into which he entered as Nationalist member for West Clare. He has, however, omitted to fulfil the condition precedent to such a move, which is regarded as essential according to the rules, not merely of Parliamentary etiquette, but of honor—to give the constituency for which he was elected by resigning his seat an opportunity of pronouncing its decision as to whether he should still continue to represent it. This course has been universally followed in recent times by gentlemen of all shades of political opinion, as in the cases of Mr. W. S. Caine, Sir William Marriott, Sir G. Doughty, Mr. Buchanan, and Major Seeley. Mr. Winston Churchill did not, before moving from the Unionist to the Radical Benches, resign his seat for Oldham, but as he explained to the House of Commons, he placed his resignation in the hands of his constituency at Oldham, and told them he would immediately accept the Chiltern Hundreds at the moment most convenient to them. The Oldham Conservatives desired his retention of the seat till the General Election, as a Parliamentary contest just then was inopportune. Major Jameson has made no similar offer to the electors of West Clare, whose answer to such an offer may be readily surmised.

CORK.—White Gloves for the Judge

At the Cork City Summer Assizes, there being no criminal cases for trial, Judge Gibson was presented with white gloves.

A Peculiar Custom

There is a strange old custom observed in the city of Cork. Every third year the Mayor goes in great state to the mouth of Cork harbor, and taking in his hand a dart, which has a head of gold and a shaft of mahogany, he throws it into the sea and says: 'I cast this javelin into the sea, and declare that so far seaward as it falls extend the right and dominion of the corporation of Cork to and over the harbor as well as the rivers, creeks, and bays within the same.' This is called 'throwing the dart,' and is 'so ancient an observance that no one knows its origin.'

The Value of Domestic Training

At the distribution of diplomas to the pupils of the School of Domestic Economy, conducted by the Sisters of Charity, Dunmanway, the Most Rev. Dr. Brown, who presided, said that school was the only residential school of domestic training in Ireland. He did not mean to convey that intermediate schools for girls throughout the country had altogether excluded domestic training from the curriculum of their studies, but owing to the number of subjects they had to teach it was relegated to an hour or two in the week, whereas in that institution the teaching of domestic training was the one object in view. The distinct occupation of the pupils of that school would in the ordinary course of things be to look after the home. They should look to the grown young girl, and still more by and by to the mother that presided over the home, for the comfort of that home and the general tone of the household, as well as for all that made the other members happy and that secured economy in the management of domestic affairs. The education given in the home was calculated to have permanent results. The pupils would not only reduce it to practice themselves, but their example would influence others in their neighborhood to do as they did.

DERRY.—A Light Calendar

There was only one case to go before the Grand Jury of the County Derry at the Summer Assizes.

DONEGAL.—Opening of a Carpet Factory

The other day the new carpet factory erected by Messrs. Alexander Morton and Co., the enterprising Scotch firm, was opened for workers. Mr. Alexander Morton, with his two daughters, travelled from Darvel to be present on the occasion. Monsignor Walker and some others met the party at Crolly Station on the arrival of the morning train from Derry. All proceeded to the factory, which is beautifully situated by the Crolly river, at the junction of the Burtonport-Crolly and Dungloe-Crolly roads. There is space for forty looms. These, when fitted out, will keep some 180 hands at work.

DUBLIN.—Clongowes Wood College

The Rev. Vincent Byrne, S.J., of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner street, has been appointed Rector of Clongowes Wood College.

GALWAY.—Examination in Irish

The Most Rev. Dr. M'Cormack, Bishop of Galway, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large number of persons in the Spiddal (County Galway) parish church on Sunday, July 17. The children were catechised in Irish in their knowledge of the Christian doctrine, the course of instruction in which included historical catechism. His Lordship spoke most highly of their proficiency. During his thirty-two years as Bishop he had never met better. He might, he said, go further and say that he never had as good answering. If the example set by the excellent teachers and by their excellent priest, Father Conroy, were generously and generally followed, their grand old language would soon flourish once again.

KILKENNY.—A Good Beginning

At a meeting in Kilkenny it was decided to start a woollen factory, with a capital of £10,000. Nearly £4000 has been already subscribed.

LIMERICK.—A Glasgow Contract

Mr. John Ferguson, of Glasgow, in a letter to the press, in which he states that the contract for the clothes of the Glasgow police, amounting to £4000, has just been secured by a Limerick firm in fair and open competition against contractors from London, Liverpool, Bristol, and Glasgow itself, says that during the last twenty years there has been a great growth of kind feeling in Scotland towards Ireland. The Town Council, he adds, 'has done some kind things to Ireland, and many to the Irishmen of Glasgow. Consequently, an excellent feeling exists in the minds of the 100,000 Irish, who form about an eighth of our city population, towards their Scottish fellow-citizens.'

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