

Irish News

CLARE.—The New Bishop:

The consecration of the Most Rev. Dr. Michael Fogarty, late Vice-President of Maynooth College, as Bishop of Killaroe, took place at the Cathedral, Ennis, on Sunday, September 4. The Archbishop of Cashel officiated, and twelve other Catholic Bishops were present, besides nearly 200 clergymen. The Bishop of Kildare preached the sermon, and paid a high tribute to the qualities of the new Bishop, to whom several addresses from the priests of the diocese and public bodies were subsequently presented. His Lordship, in reply, expressed the belief that the sure way was being prepared for the realisation of Ireland's supreme need, the recovery of National self-government. He also touched upon the university education question. The Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty is a native of the diocese over which he is to rule. Born at Kileegman, County Tipperary, in October, 1859, he was sent at an early age to the Christian Brothers' Schools, from whence he passed into the Diocesan College, Ennis. He had as fellow-students the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea, Bishop of Clonfert, and the Very Rev. Dr. Hogan, and the three distinguished students subsequently worked together on the staff at Maynooth. Dr. Fogarty graduated for Philosophy on his entrance to Maynooth, and at the end of his college course he was elected Student of the Dunboyne establishment, and for two years held the position of Lecturer in Theology. From the Dunboyne he proceeded, on the invitation of the late Bishop of Kildare, to Carlow College as Professor of Philosophy and Canon Law. At the Concursus in Maynooth for a vacant Chair of Dogmatic Theology, the trustees appointed Dr. Fogarty, and later on, when Dr. O'Dea was named Vice-President of Maynooth, he was requested to take charge of the Senior Class of Moral Theology. Last year, on the appointment of Dr. O'Dea to the Bishopric of Clonfert, Dr. Fogarty succeeded to the position of Vice-President of Maynooth College.

CORK.—An Important Discovery

In the water of the thermal springs at Mallow, County Cork, once celebrated as a Spa, traces of the existence of radio-activity have been discovered by Mr. Thomas Farrington, M.A., a leading Irish analyst. It is the first discovery of radium in Ireland.

DERRY.—Death of a Prominent Catholic

The death occurred recently of Mr. James Campbell, of Derry, after a lengthened illness. One of his sons is the Rev. A. Campbell, now at Malin, County Donegal, and a brother of deceased, the late Rev. Patrick Campbell, was for a length of time at the Waterside, and was a professor in the Irish College, Paris, where he died some years ago. Another brother of deceased, the late Rev. Andrew Campbell, C.M., was also professor in the Irish College, Paris, and there is still living a third brother, Rev. George Campbell, in St. Patrick's College at Drumcondra.

A Centenarian

The death has occurred at Greysteel, Londonderry, of Mrs. McClelland, at the age of 104 years. Born in 1799, her life bridged three centuries. She was a young woman of twenty when George III. died; she therefore lived in the reigns of five sovereigns. Mrs. McClelland was the only daughter of a family remarkable for longevity. Her mother, Mrs. Leah Caldwell, who took a keen note of political affairs, and well remembered the Irish rebellion of '98, died as recently as 1878, at the age of 99. Three of her brothers were over eighty at their decease, while a surviving brother, a well known tenant farmer in the North of Ireland, has already passed that age. The deceased lady had been a widow for fifty-two years. With the exception of a slight deafness, she was in full and complete enjoyment of her faculties to the last. So good was her sight that she could easily read, write, or sew, and could clearly discern the large liners as they entered Moville—a port some ten miles distant, across Lough Foyle—from her residence.

DONEGAL.—Dedication of a Church

The new Catholic church of Kilcar, County Donegal, was dedicated to Divine worship on Sunday, September 4, by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe. High Mass was celebrated by Canon MacPadden, of the Glenties, the preacher being Father Murray, C.S.S.B. Dr. O'Donnell also addressed the congregation, congratulating it on the termination of an important work. It is just twelve months since the building was begun.

DOWN.—Drowning Fatality

On Sunday afternoon, September 4, a boat containing four men capsized in Lough Neagh, and two of the

occupants—James Coyle (married) and James Cassidy (single)—were drowned. Police Constables Kiernan and Smith pluckily swam to the upturned boat and saved one of the party who was clinging to the keel.

Orange Rowdies

At the Petty Sessions Court held in Banbridge early in September, two men, named Hawthorne and Purdy, were charged with having assaulted and beaten two Catholic lads at Scarva on the 15th August last. The victims of the attack—Hugh Gourley and Arthur Lavery—gave evidence to the effect that on the way home from the Newry Feis that night they passed a crowd close to the canal bridge. No remark was made by anyone. After they had passed, however, they were attacked from behind. Lavery was knocked down and kicked; he had given no provocation, and had only arrived from America four weeks before. Gourley was struck three times from behind with a stick, the third blow felling him to the ground. He, too, was kicked and bruised about the body, and was incapacitated from work for some time afterwards, having, in addition to other bruises, sustained a severe wound on the back of the skull which bled profusely. The police who came to the rescue told Gourley who his assailants were. Constable McIlwaine said he observed the two men passing the Protestant group, which numbered about forty persons. Seven or eight of the crowd rushed after the two Catholics, the police followed, and then the remainder of the crowd rushed at the two men. He observed the two accused committing the assault, but an arrest at the time would have been injudicious. Constable Durken, the only other policeman in the village at the time, corroborated. Several Orangemen, however, swore that the two accused did not take any part in the assault, and the case was dismissed on the evidence led. The utmost dissatisfaction prevails in the district.

DUBLIN.—Concursus at Maynooth College

The Concursus for the Chair of Theology, rendered vacant by the appointment of Dr. Mannix as President of Maynooth College, opened on August 31. The candidates were Rev. Patrick MacKenna, of the diocese of Clogher, and the Rev. P. Toner, Armagh. Father MacKenna, after a brilliant course in Maynooth, held the appointment of lecturer in English for two years. Afterwards he was appointed Professor of Dogmatic Theology in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, where he has spent more than five years. Dr. Toner, having finished his Dunboyne Term, was selected by Dr. Ireland to lecture on Dogmatic Theology in St. Paul's, Minnesota, and returned only last June. The Concursus comprised a series of oral and written exercises, and lasted four days. The votes of the judges will be submitted to the Board of Trustees at the forthcoming meeting.

KING'S COUNTY.—The Oldest Medical Man

Quite recently it was stated that Dr. Woods, who has just resigned his position as medical officer of the Birr Union Workhouse, can claim to be the oldest practitioner in Ireland. This statement was doubted, and a claim was set up in the person of Sir John Banks, of Merrion square, Dublin. Dr. Thomas Woods, of Birr, is undoubtedly the oldest doctor practising in Ireland. From the Medical Register, it appears that Thomas Woods became M.R.C.S.E. in 1838, graduating M.D. of Glasgow University in the following year, and was L.R.C.S.I. in 1840. On turning to the name of Sir John Banks, that well-known physician did not take his degree (M.D. of Dublin University) until 1843. Thus Dr. Woods has been over 66 years in the medical profession, whilst Sir John Banks is but 61.

WATERFORD.—An Appointment

The Rev. Brother Murray, Superior of the Mount Sion Christian Brothers' Schools at Waterford, has been appointed Inspector, and transferred to Dublin. He will be succeeded in Waterford by the Rev. Brother Mullan.

Cheap Gas

The City of Waterford Gas Company has reduced the price of gas to 4s 3d per 1000, which allows a dividend of £5 7s 6d per annum. The directors' fees have been raised from £250 to £350, and the secretary's salary from £80 to £100.

WESTMEATH.

The death has occurred rather suddenly of the Rev. W. Kearney, P.P., of Kinnegad, County Westmeath.

GENERAL

The Tide of Emigration

It would seem that the tide of Irish emigration is gradually slackening. According to the latest returns, there will probably be a reduction for the current year

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