

Irish News

CORK.—An Enthusiastic Reception.

Mr. T. F. Kiely, who won the All-round Athletic Championship of the World at the St. Louis Exhibition, arrived at Queenstown recently and was accorded a most enthusiastic reception from the representatives of the various athletic bodies deputed to meet him.

DOWN.—A Romantic Story

About forty years ago Margaret O'Hare, a young Irish girl, left her father's residence at Beechhill, near Fourmilehouse, Newry, for America. Like most of her class she was not blessed with much of this world's goods. After earning her living in various places, she entered the employment of a well known shipbuilder in Boston, Mass., named Thatcher Magowan, and her services and attentions to him in his old age were so much appreciated that when he came to make his will he left her all his property, and cut off his relatives, with whom he had not been on good terms. He died about 20 years ago, and his will was contested by his next-of-kin, and after various hearings and appeals it was upheld by the highest courts, and Margaret O'Hare, whom he called his adopted daughter, was left in undisturbed possession of the fortune. She died in July, 1903, having made a will leaving the fortune to her own relatives (some of whom are in America and others in Belfast and Liverpool), and her brother, Joseph O'Hare, and his family, who still occupy the old homestead near Newry. Her will was disputed by the descendants of Thatcher Magowan, who maintained she was only entitled to the property for her life, and afterwards it should fall to them. This claim was disputed by her relatives, who maintained she had power to leave it to them. The legal battle was fixed to take place at Boston on September 19. Mr. Hunter Moore, solicitor, Newry, took up the cause of her relatives, and proceeded with several of them to the United States, and, after a trial lasting over several days, her will has been upheld, and as a result her relatives inherit considerable sums of money, and the claims of the Magowans have again been defeated. The fortune consists of bonds and securities to the value of £62,000, and house property in Boston estimated at £8000.

DUBLIN.—Temperance Progress

Joy at the progress made in the cause of temperance was the prevailing note struck by the speakers at a splendid meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church street, Dublin, to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Father Mathew. The Lord Mayor delivered the anniversary oration. The Rev. Dr. Sexton, of All Hallows' College; the Rev. Terence J. Cullen, of Mill Hill, London, a life-long worker in the great cause; and Father Finlay, S.J., also spoke.

The Parnell Anniversary

The thirteenth anniversary of the death of Mr. Charles Stewart Parnell was celebrated in Dublin by a procession through the streets to the grave in Glasnevin Cemetery. The starting point was Cavendish Row, near the Rotunda, and the various delegates were assigned places at intervals around Rutland Square, from which they fell into line. Heading the procession were the members of the Parnell Commemoration Committee, bearing wreaths, and after them followed many of the city bands, trades organisations, and Foresters' societies in uniform. Arrived at the cemetery the committee deposited the wreaths upon the grave, and, the processionists having passed around the grave in silence, quietly returned to their homes.

Maynooth College

At a meeting of the Irish Bishops at Maynooth College, his Eminence Cardinal Logue presiding, the Very Rev. Thomas P. Gilmartin, Senior Dean, was appointed Vice-President of Maynooth College in the room of the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe. The newly-established Chair of Sacred Eloquence was filled by the appointment of the Rev. Father Burke, of the diocese of Waterford. Rev. Father McKenna, C.C., Clones, formerly professor in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, and the Rev. Patrick Toner, D.D., of the diocese of Armagh, Lecturer on Dogmatic Theology, St. Paul's College, Minnesota, were appointed Professors of Dogmatic and Moral Theology.

GALWAY.—The Irish Revival

On the occasion of laying the foundation stone of a new parochial church at Spiddal the Most Rev. Dr. McCormack said he thought everyone must admit who knew the history of the country for the last century, that it had been drifting away from Irish ideals and losing its Irish traditions. Now an effort was being made to restore the country to the old moorings from which it had drifted. His mind carried him back to the days

of the illustrious Dr. M'Hale, the Lion of the Fold of Judah. He spoke as a living witness of his great work for Ireland. When he passed away there was a lull in the work until the Rev. Eugene O'Growney came to the rescue. He was admirably supported by Dr. Douglas Hyde and scores of other devoted men. His Lordship expressed confidence in the ultimate success of the movement.

KERRY.—A Light Calendar

His Honor Judge Shaw opened the business of the Killarney Quarter Sessions. Addressing the Grand Jury, he said he was very glad to say that there was only one case to go before them. He was glad to say that the state of the district was, as usual, or perhaps even more than usual, quiet and satisfactory.

A New Industry

Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a carpet weaving industry in Killarney.

LIMERICK.—The Dunraven Estate

Mr. Peter Fitzgerald, Lord Dunraven's Limerick agent, states that his Lordship has made arrangements to sell his County Limerick estate to the Estate Commissioners.

Plain Chant

Plain Chant was introduced into St. John's Cathedral, Limerick, at the celebration of the anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral. The music was sung by a specially trained choir, consisting of boys from St. Munchin's College and the Christian Brothers' Schools, assisted by several priests.

LOUTH.—The Freedom of Drogheda

At a public meeting in Drogheda, the Mayor presiding, it was resolved to present the freedom of the borough to Mr. John Redmond on his return from America.

MAYO.—Mr. Dillon Hopeful

On Saturday, October 8, an enthusiastic meeting, over which the Most Rev. Dr. Lyster presided, was held in St. Mary's Hall, Ballaghaderreen. Resolutions dealing with the various aspects of the Education Question were proposed by the Very Rev. Canon O'Hara, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and passed with acclamation. Mr. John Dillon, M.P., in the course of a powerful address, said this question of education touched most vitally the future of the country. The present was a most critical and fateful time in the history of Ireland, and therefore there was urgent need for strong concerted action on a subject which affected them so deeply. The Archbishop of Tuam a few days ago said he had lost all heart in having the University Question settled in Westminster. That was a note of despair that he, Mr. Dillon, did not agree with, because if the Bishops and priests threw themselves heartily into the national movement, the Government would soon open negotiations, and they would either succeed in winning Home Rule, in which case they would settle the matter themselves, or the Government, as was the wont of Governments, would seek to dispose of the national demand by some big concession.

SLIGO.—The de Freyne Estate

Negotiations have begun for the sale of the Sligo portion of Lord de Freyne's estate. The tenants are offering 21½ years' purchase of non-judicial rents, and 24½ years' purchase of others.

A New Convent

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of a new Marist convent at Tubbercurry was performed on the second Sunday in October by the Most Rev. Dr. Lyster, Bishop of Achonry, in presence of a large congregation. The Bishop of Elphin, the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, preached. He said that within the last twelve months critics had been imported from another country to visit the convent schools of Ireland. According to the report of those critics the convent schools were vastly superior to any other schools in Ireland.

TYRONE.—Death of a Priest

The death is reported of the Rev. Michael Hughes, of Beragh, County Tyrone. The deceased gentleman, throughout a long life, made a host of friends who loved him for his kindly, genial nature towards all classes. His death after a brief illness, at the advanced age of 71 years, was keenly felt by all who knew him, but more particularly by the Catholic people of Beragh, amongst whom he labored and by whom his work was highly appreciated.

The Favored Party

In the course of an able address to his constituents at Moy Mr. Russell, M.P., protested vehemently against the deliberate effort which is being made to rouse sectarian strife in the country. He referred specially to the attacks upon Sir Antony MacDonnell, Mr. T. P. Gill, and Mr. Finnucane, simply because they happen to be Catholics. It was said that no Protestant had a