

Irish News

CLARE—The Land Act

Speaking a few weeks ago at Kilrush, the Right Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, said that Mr. Wyndham had placed on the Statute-book one Act which, though not perfect, was a good Act, and, if properly administered and worked in a friendly spirit, would help immensely to give contentment to the distracted heart of Ireland.

CORK—Durseley Island Evictions

Father Barton, P.P., of whose parish Dursey Island forms a part, has issued an appeal on behalf of the unfortunate tenant who was recently evicted in Dursey, owing to his inability to obtain money with which to pay rent out of the barren rocks of his island home, or the wild ocean which surrounds it. The rev. gentleman gives a harrowing description of the efforts made by poor Healy, who is in delicate health, to eke out a living for himself and his family. He has an aged father and mother, a sister, a wife, and three children depending on him for support. What a commentary on our boasted civilisation it is that the members of the British army and navy are employed to evict a man like Healy, with his large family, from their little hut, and cast them on the bleak roadside to perish.

DONEGAL—A New Industry

A new carpet factory has been opened at Annagray, County Donegal, by the carpet manufacturing firm, Morton and Co., Darvel, Scotland.

DUBLIN—A Presentation

Mr. J. P. Nannetti, M.P. for College Green Division of Dublin, was recently presented with an address and testimonial by his constituents. The testimonial amounted to £467. In acknowledging the compliment which had been paid to him, the hon. member delivered an eloquent speech.

Trinity College

Trinity College, Dublin, is reaping a rich harvest, owing to the exclusion of women from degrees by Oxford and Cambridge. Eighty-four ladies who had qualified for degrees in these colleges, but were prohibited from obtaining them, received them at Dublin University on paying substantial fees.

An Objection

At the Protestant Synod in Dublin Bishop Archdall, of Killaloe, in a speech on the education question, said that while Protestants were sundered, the Catholic Church worked as a harmonious whole towards the attainment of educational ideals which they had ever held uninterruptedly in view, and hundreds and thousands of the most hopeful Protestant youths were to-day being educated by those connected with Catholic monastic institutions. While he did not allege that any religious teachings were being imparted to them, yet the atmosphere under which they were being educated was objectionable. His Lordship said nothing of the atmosphere of Trinity College, to which Catholics are advised by Protestants to go for higher education. At another gathering Dr. Archdall deplored the parsimonious policy of the Treasury with regard to education in Ireland, although provision had been liberally made for the wealthier communities in England and Scotland. The Rev. Mr. Moore followed in a similar strain, and thought that Irishmen should unite in this matter.

A Venerable Author

Not alone his acquaintances—and they are indeed world-wide—but thousands who know him through his numerous and valuable contributions to Irish history and literature, will regret to hear that Canon O'Hanlon, the venerable pastor of Sandymount, lies dangerously ill (writes a Dublin correspondent). Although he has attained the patriarchal age of eighty-five, he was in excellent health and full of vigor until a few months ago, engaged at all times either in the discharge of his parochial duties, or in what was to him through life a labor of love—compiling the 'Lives of the Irish Saints.' During his illness Canon O'Hanlon has been frequently visited by his Grace the Archbishop, who holds him in the highest esteem. The Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly and many other ecclesiastical dignitaries have also visited the distinguished patient. 'Quite recently the venerable Canon received a letter from his old friend, the Most Rev. Dr. Ryan, Archbishop of Philadelphia, who is now on his way to Europe, saying that he hoped to have the pleasure of seeing him once more in a short time. Dr. Ryan and Canon O'Hanlon labored together in St. Louis more than fifty years ago, when a bond of affec-

tion was established between them that death alone can sunder. If it be God's holy will that the Canon's life should be prolonged until Dr. Ryan's arrival, the meeting will be an affecting one. There is, however, little or no hope of the Canon's recovery.

A Terrible Fatality

A terrible fatality is reported from Dublin, where two men lost their lives by sewer gas. A workman descending a man-hole in a main sewer, became unconscious from asphyxiation. Directly this was discovered another man went to his assistance, only to meet with a like fate. 'A crowd gathered, and volunteers were numerous. One after another, close on a dozen men went down the man-hole, only to become unconscious when they reached the bottom, some of them, indeed, on their way down. The fire brigade was summoned, and by aid of a smoke helmet the work of rescue was begun, although the firemen themselves had frequently to come to the surface for fresh supplies of 'stored' air. The occurrence numbered over a dozen victims, who were taken to the hospital. Two of them were quite dead, a man, Fleming, who had first entered the hole, and the other, a young police constable named Sheehan, 28 years of age, and six feet four inches in height, who hastened down the man-hole immediately on hearing of the danger below, and was brought up again 30 minutes later dead. The regrettable misadventure had but one cheering aspect. All through the two hours of the incident there was no lack of volunteers ready to face death in the attempt to rescue the imprisoned men. Constable Sheehan was a native of Dingle, County Kerry.

GALWAY—Another Meeting Proclaimed

The police authorities in Ireland, proceeding with the new campaign of coercion, inaugurated since the coming of Mr. Long, proclaimed a meeting called by the United League at Cappataggle, County Galway. Huge bodies of police were drafted into the district, and posted all round like an army of occupation. This elaborate effort did not enable them to detect the arrival of Mr. John Roche, M.P., who later on delivered an address. While he was still speaking the police, discovering that they had been balked, closed in on him, and pulled him from the platform as he was speaking, maltreating him vilely. Upon Mr. Roche indignantly protesting against such treatment, the police inspector said the meeting had been proclaimed. Mr. Roche said he had had no notice of the proclamation, whereupon the police inspector served him with a copy of the proclamation. Other detachments of police had been keeping Mr. Reddy, M.P., and Mr. Kilbride, M.P., under surveillance, following them about on cars and bicycles wherever they went.

KILDARE—Maynooth College

The spire of Maynooth College chapel cost £16,000, of which Dr. Gargan, the late President, collected £7000. His successor, the Very Rev. Dr. Mannix, is raising the balance in the various dioceses among which it has been apportioned according to the number of free places held by each.

MAYO—Anti-Treating League

During his recent visit to Castlebar the Most Rev. Dr. Healy expressed great pleasure at the fact that the Anti-Treating League had been established in the parish.

MEATH—Sale of an Estate

Arrangements have been made for the sale of 8500 acres of Lord Athlumney's County Meath estate at 21½ years' purchase of first, and 24½ years of second term rents; non-judicial tenants to pay from 21 years to 26 years' purchase.

ROSCOMMON—The Ffrench Estate

On May 1 the tenants on the Ffrench Estate, Monivea, and adjoining properties, signed agreements for the purchase of their holdings, and entered into possession of 1100 acres of grazing land, which the landlord agreed to distribute amongst them.

WATERFORD—Demise of a Priest

The death took place on May 2 of Rev. James Qually, Ardmore. Deceased's first curacy was at Knockmore. Subsequently he ministered at Dunmore and Kiltrossenty, whence he was transferred to Ardmore. He took a leading part in the Land League movement, and frequently acted as an intermediary between landlords and their tenants.

GENERAL

Lord Dunraven's Views

'A grotesque anachronism' is the name that Lord Dunraven in the pamphlet he has just issued gives to the present form of government in Ireland. The picture he presents of the state of the country under this government is, in sooth, as bad as it could well be. Ire-