

Irish News

CORK—Death of a Leading Catholic

The death is reported, at his residence in Queens-town, of Sir James Carroll, chairman of the local District Council.

A House with a History

Mr. William O'Brien, M.P., has taken Rockforest, near Mallow, for the summer. Rockforest is the seat of Sir James Cotter, Bart., and is a very noble mansion on the Blackwater. The house has a history, for it was at one time the residence of Lord Ludlow, regicide, who was so hated by the people that it is said, the crows never afterwards nested in or flew over the lands. His descendants, the Cotters, were strong on the people's side. Sir James Cotter was a gallant soldier of King James II., and held Cork for that Prince. His son was, says the hostile Froude, 'a brilliant cavalier, the idol and darling of the Southern Catholics.' This son was tried, convicted, and executed on the undoubtedly false charge of abducting a Quaker heiress.

DONEGAL—Priests Honored

Our Holy Father Pius X. (writes the 'Derry Journal') has graciously conferred the degree of Doctor in Theology on the Rev. J. C. MacGinley, and the degree of Doctor in Philosophy on the Rev. P. A. O'Doherty, at the request of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Lord Bishop of Raphoe. Dr. MacGinley has been for thirteen years Dean in Maynooth College. Dr. O'Doherty, after acting for a considerable period as President of St. Eunan's, Letterkenny, has been Professor of Philosophy in the Irish College, Paris, for nine years. Both began their course as boys in the early days of the Intermediate examinations under the Rev. Dr. Maguire, in Letterkenny, and both are accomplished Gaelic scholars. As class-fellows in Maynooth, out of a class of 108 students Dr. MacGinley held first place in theology and Scripture, Dr. O'Doherty in rhetoric and philosophy.

DUBLIN—Orange Tolerance

A meeting of Dublin Orangemen, held in the Orange Hall, Rutland Square, recently, passed a resolution demanding the dismissal of Sir Antony MacDonnell, Captain Shawe-Taylor and Mr Woods, secretary of the Irish Reform Association, attempted to address the meeting, but were prevented, were roughly handled, and were ejected from the hall.

Death of a Convert

A very old convert has passed away in the person of Mr. Henry Bedford, M.A. It is over half a century since he was received into the Church. Born in London, he served as an Anglican curate in that diocese, and was known as a pleasant writer and an effective preacher. Having preached a sermon which was held to be 'advanced,' he was summoned by the Bishop of London to give an account of his creed, with the result that he soon followed the example of friends who had become Catholics. In 1852 he visited Ireland, and at the request of the late Dr. Moriarty, Bishop of Kerry, joined the staff of All Hallows' Missionary College as Professor of Natural Science, becoming also treasurer of the college and one of the directors. For the long period of fifty years he remained at the college, fulfilling his duties with a fidelity which gave edification to all those with whom he lived. Mr. Bedford, often lectured to Catholic students and societies. He wrote a life of St. Vincent de Paul, and years ago was a regular contributor to Catholic periodical literature. His style was graceful, and in the treatment of any subject that he handled he displayed extensive knowledge. A loyal son of the Church, it afforded him genuine pleasure to be of any service to religion.

Temperance Bazaar

The All-Ireland Temperance Bazaar, at Ballsbridge, Dublin, proved a most successful gathering. The enterprise, which was designed to raise funds for the promotion of temperance effort in Ireland, embraced all sections of temperance workers—Catholic and Protestant, Unionist and Nationalist. The committee promoting the bazaar ranked among its members most of the Catholic and Protestant Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland, as well as Mr. William Redmond, M.P., Sir Thomas Gratian Esmonde, M.P., and other members of the Irish Party, Sir Antony MacDonnell, The O'Connor Don, and many members of the Irish nobility. During the time it was opened nearly 60,000 persons passed through the turnstiles, and the amount taken in entrance fees was £1500.

Church Building

The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, speaking at a meeting held for the purpose of completing the Aughrim street church, said:—I think it is since I was last amongst you here that a number of busybodies have been endeavoring, with supreme folly, and I may add without a particle of success, to check the praiseworthy efforts of our people to provide themselves with churches in which fitting provision may be made for the worship of Almighty God and for the discharge of their various religious duties. This topic is one that for my part I have never thought it worth while to refer to. I am satisfied to leave it, as I have had many opportunities of seeing that I am perfectly safe in leaving it, in the hands of the Catholic laity to deal with as it deserves, in so far as they think it worth their while to deal with it at all. It frequently becomes my duty to take part in parochial meetings, such as this meeting, held in connection with the enlargement of an old church or of the building of a new one. I always find that as a matter of course such an occasion is seized upon with avidity by one or more of the laymen who speak at the meetings to denounce the impertinence of those busybodies who seem never to tire of interfering in our religious affairs—affairs that in no way concern them—while they are notoriously, at least some of them, leaving undone, or all but undone, their own proper business—business that they are well paid for doing—but, to judge by results, they seem practically incapable of doing, or even endeavoring to do in any serious practical way.

KERRY—Death of a Baronet

The death has taken place at San Remo of Sir Daniel Ross O'Connell, of Lakeview, Killarney, third baronet, in his 45th year. He was born in 1861, and was the oldest surviving son of Sir Maurice James O'Connell, by Emily, daughter of Rear-Admiral Sir Richard O'Connor. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and succeeded to the baronetcy on the death of his father in 1896. Sir Ross O'Connell was a J.P. and D.L. for County Kerry, and was High Sheriff in 1891. He was also vice-president of the Society for the Protection of Birds. He is succeeded in the title by his brother, Mr. Ross O'Connell, who was born in 1862.

The Late Bishop

At a public meeting held in the Town Hall, Killarney—Mr. M. Leonard, J.P., presiding—it was decided to have a memorial erected to the memory of the late Most Rev. Dr. Coffey, Bishop of Kerry, and those present were appointed a committee to carry out the project. A subscription list was opened, and £33 subscribed.

LIMERICK—A Brave Policeman

Sir John Ross of Bladensburg has telegraphed as follows to Mr. Edmund Sheahan, Ballygaltenane, Glin: 'I beg to sympathise most deeply with you and all your family in the very sad loss you have sustained by the death of your gallant son, who showed such conspicuous courage and noble devotion to duty. You have the sincere sympathy of the whole Dublin Police Force. His Excellency sent a telegram of condolence on this subject, copy of which will be sent you by post.'

LOUTH—White Gloves for the Judge

There being no criminal business at the opening of Dundalk Quarter Sessions before County Court Judge Kisbey, Mr. J. J. Russell, sub-sheriff, presented his Honor with a pair of white gloves. In acknowledging the presentation, his Honor said he looked upon that county as occupying almost, if not altogether, the premier position in the respect of crimelessness. In County Louth over and over again—sometimes for the four seasons of the year—this was the case both in Drogheda and the town of Dundalk, which comprised the greater portion of the county. It spoke well for the people, and it also spoke well for the prosperity of the county. At the opening of Drogheda Quarter Sessions his Honor also received white gloves, there being no prisoners for trial.

MAYO—A Venerable Priest

Canon Gibbons, of Balla, near Castlebar, who died lately at the advanced age of 86, with a life of 58 years in the priesthood, was buried on Monday, May 15, at Balla. Canon Gibbons was in Clifden during the great famine of '47.

MEATH—A Hunt Case

In the Meath Hunt case, in which the plaintiff, Miss Corrigan, sought damages from Messrs. Watson and Briscoe, members of the Meath Hunt, for injury to her cattle on the occasion of a hunt in January, 1904, the jury awarded the plaintiff £110 damages.

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