

Irish News

ANTRIM—Their Real Friends

At the annual meeting of the Ulster Farmers' and Laborers' Union, held in Belfast, resolutions were adopted calling upon the Government to relieve the existing deadlock in the working of the Land Act, and expressing disappointment with official Unionist members at their apathy regarding the laborers' claims, and urging electors to support independent candidates pledged to compulsory sale and purchase. Mr. Andrew McKillop, the newly-elected president, who is an Orangeman, said he was well aware that without the great body of the Irish Nationalist Party they would have been utterly unable to press their claims to Land reform upon the Government.

ARMACH—Nationalists Successful

Considerable excitement was manifested throughout the course of the election of six members of the Lurgan Board of Guardians, that being the number allotted to the town. There were eight candidates, and a comparatively heavy vote resulted as follows: Messrs. John Fleming, J.P., 783; John McNally, J.P., 768; M. H. Brown, 660; John Johnston, J.P., 586; James Weir, 489; William J. Fleming, 477—elected; Joshua McNeice, 323; and George Ferguson, 311. As Messrs. Fleming and McNally are both very prominent Catholics, there was great jubilation amongst their co-religionists when it became known that they were returned at the head of the poll.

CARLOW—A Memorial to Father Murphy

On last Sunday there was to be laid in the Market Square, Tullow, the foundation stone of a memorial to Father John Murphy, of '98 fame, who, after a brave stand in defence of the liberties of the people, was cruelly put to death.

CORK—The Late Member

Mr. James Francis Xavier O'Brien, Nationalist member for Cork City, whose death was reported in our columns some weeks ago, was born about 1830. He took part in the Fenian rising of 1867. Mr. O'Brien was tried for treason-felony, having been arrested while leading an armed party who attacked a police barracks. He was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, drawn, and quartered. At the trial it was shown that the barracks had been set on fire, and the inmates, including some women and children, were in imminent danger, when Mr. O'Brien, at great personal risk, went to their relief, which circumstance was commented on in highly eulogistic terms by the judge when passing sentence upon the prisoner.

DONEGAL—The Arran Estate

The tenantry of the agricultural portion of the Earl of Arran's estate surrounding Donegal town have signed the final agreement to purchase their holdings. The terms agreed upon are: A reduction of 6s in the £ on first term rents, 4s in the £ on second term rents, turbarry and sporting rights to go exclusively to tenants, the half-year's rent due to be added to the purchase money, tenants agree to pay interest to the Government at the rate of 3½ per cent. until purchase money is paid over to the landlord. The tenantry were represented by Mr. James Dunlevy, solicitor, Donegal.

DUBLIN—An Agricultural Conference

Mr. T. P. Gill, Secretary of the Irish Department of Agriculture, has gone to Rome for the purpose of attending the International Agricultural Conference suggested by the King of Italy.

Diocesan Chapter

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin has made the following appointments in the Diocesan Chapter: The Very Rev. Canon Flanagan, P.P., Baldoyle, to the Archdeaconry of Glendalough; the Very Rev. Joseph Burke, P.P., Church of the Holy Trinity, Aughrim street, to the Prebend of Donaghmore (first portion); the Very Rev. Patrick Kavanagh, P.P., St. Auden's, High street, to the Prebend of Donaghmore (second portion).

A Well-known Doctor Passes Away

The death is announced of Dr. J. G. Synnott, Sandymount, County Dublin. Deceased came of an old and highly respected County Wexford family. Throughout life he was an exemplary Catholic. Dr. Synnott's father, who was secretary of the Home Rule League in the early seventies, was at one time Governor of Grangegorman Prison, a position from which he was dismissed owing to his lenient treatment of Miss Aylward, foundress of the Sisterhood of the Holy Faith, who was undergoing imprisonment for contempt of court. In early life Dr. Synnott practised his profession in Halifax and Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire.

KERRY—Clerical Appointment

The Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, Bishop of Kerry, has appointed Rev. M. M'C. O'Connor, Rathmore, to be parish priest of Ballymacelligott, in room of the late Rev. John Lawlor, P.P.

KILDARE—A New Church

The foundation stone of the new parish church at Suncroft, County Kildare, was laid on Sunday, May 28, by the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

KILKENNY—His Old Schoolmaster

It was remarkable that the gentleman deputed to read the address of the people of Johnstown, Kilkenny, to the Very Rev. Dean Phelan, of Melbourne, was Mr. James Garret-Fitzgerald—the Dean's old schoolmaster. In the course of his reply Dean Phelan said:—'How many at my time of life, and in my position, could return to his native parish and find full of life, full of youthful vigor, the dear old master who in the distant past imparted to him the first rudiments of knowledge? Yet such is my case. My first recollection of the Johnstown school is that I was placed at the A B C board in charge of Mr. Garrett, who was then assistant teacher under a cruel tyrant, Terence Clarke, whom we, all boys, heartily detested. When I got as far as the Red Book, a step between first and second class, the assistant was promoted to the charge of the school, and master he remains to-day.'

MEATH—Heirlooms

At an auction in Kelis, County Meath, by M. Freeman and Son, an eight-day clock owned by Dean Swift during his stay at Quilca House, was knocked down for £10. A mirror which belonged to Richard Brinsley Sheridan, who also inhabited Quilca, realised £5.

ROSCOMMON—An Appointment

Major W. G. Cahill, who has been appointed Commissioner of Police in Queensland in succession to Mr. W. E. Parry-Okeden, at a salary of £1000 per annum, is a County Roscommon man by birth, and served as an ordinary constable in the R.I.C., Belfast, prior to his emigration.

Memories of the Past

In connection with the laying of the foundation stone of a new church in Loughglynn, County Roscommon, the Most Rev. Dr. Lyster, Bishop of Achonry, said the history of the old church brought back to their minds the memorable year of '98, when Pitt and Castlereagh were plotting the destruction of the country, and when those exciting times were ennobled by the sacrifices of the Ducal Geraldine, who laid down his life for a Catholic people. Amongst the distinguished names associated with the church, there was none more honored than that of Count Dillon. Pride filled their hearts, and sanctity was laid at their altars when they thought of him who was driven from Loughglynn, who stood on the embattlements of Athlone, his shield untarnished and his honor unsullied.

TIPPERARY—Death of a Priest

News has reached Ireland of the death of the Rev. William McGolrick, pastor of Inver Grove, St. Paul, Minnesota. The deceased priest was an ardent lover of Ireland. He was a native of Borrisokane, and was one of three brothers, all of whom were ordained priests, and chose the American mission. The surviving brother is the Most Rev. James McGolrick, Bishop of Duluth.

A Centenarian

Mrs. Bridget O'Brien, Grauniera, Upper Church, Thurles, died on May 25 at the remarkable age of 115 years.

The Anti-Treating League

On the occasion of his triennial visit to St. Mary's parish church, Clonmel, the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford, spoke of the evils of intemperance, and urged the people to join the Anti-Treating League.

For the American Mission

Amongst seventeen young men who were ordained deacons on April 8 at Kenrick's Seminary, St. Louis, U.S.A., by the Most Rev. Archbishop Glennon were Mr. Timothy Sullivan, Grange parish, Ardman, Clonmel, and Mr. Newman, Ballingarry.

TYRONE—A Gift

The Right Rev. Monsignor M'Namee, P.P., was recently the recipient of a magnificent gift from Mr. Peter McGinn, of London. Mr. McGinn, who is a native of Omagh, was educated at the Christian Brothers' School, where he graduated in the intermediate. He went to London, where he joined the staff of one of the London dailies. He and his sister are now making an extended tour on the Continent, and have had the great honor of an audience with the Pope in Rome.

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