

Irish News

ANTRIM—An Enthusiastic Reception

Mr. John Dillon, M.P., and Mrs. Dillon met with an enthusiastic reception in the United National Club, Belfast, on June 6, the occasion being the opening of a bazaar for National purposes by Mrs. Dillon. Mr. Dillon delivered a speech in which he congratulated the Nationalists of Belfast on the honorable conclusion of their struggle with the local Catholic Association. The aspirations of the Irish race were, he said, gradually coming nearer fulfilment because the Catholic people in every land were beginning to see that the Irish race was the mainstay of the Catholic Church. All they asked was fair and equal treatment for every man in Ireland, irrespective of his religion, and let the best come to the top.

ARMAGH—The Landlord Scores

The Duke of Manchester (says the 'Freeman's Journal') has secured an enormous price for his Tanderagee estate. For a gross rental of £9124, some of which was first term, he is getting £229,046, together with a bonus of £27,480, or a total of £256,500. The net rental of the estate could not have been more than £7300 a year. Allowing £6500 to the negotiators and lawyers, the purchase money will produce £10,000 a year, an increase of £2700, or 37 per cent.

CORK—A Memorial

An imposing memorial to the late Rev. C. O'Sullivan, P.P., who was for eighteen years pastor of Dromatariffe, County Cork, has been erected by his sorrowing parishioners. The monument, which stands nine feet high, is surmounted by a Gaelic cross of elaborate design.

The Auxiliary-Bishop of Portsmouth

The Right Rev. Dr. Cotter, Auxiliary Bishop of Portsmouth arrived at Cloyne, County Cork, his native place, on May 31, for a short holiday. This is his Lordship's first visit to Ireland since his elevation to the episcopate. On the following day he celebrated Mass in the parish church in which he formerly ministered as a curate. The Gaelic Athletic Association of the district, of which he was a member in former days, presented an illuminated address to his Lordship.

Death of a Priest

The Rev. Thomas Palmer, parish priest of Caheragh, County Cork, died on May 31, at an advanced age. Deceased, who was a relative of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, took an active part in the land agitation and was greatly beloved by the peasantry for the sacrifices he so ungrudgingly made on their behalf. He was an eloquent preacher, a distinguished priest, and will long be remembered in the districts in which his career in the sacred ministry was spent.

A Popular Priest Passes Away

The Very Rev. Canon Hegarty, P.P., Glanmire, Cork, died unexpectedly on June 2. Deceased, who was seventy-five years of age, was for nearly twenty years administrator of St. Paul's Church, in which he made many improvements. In 1886 he was appointed parish priest of Glanmire. The splendid new schools in the village bear striking testimony to his efforts in the cause of education. In the recent land dispute at Watergrasshill he spared no effort to bring about an amicable settlement between landlord and tenant, and when these efforts did not succeed, he warmly supported the tenants. The municipal flag was lowered to half-mast and many shops closed in Cork on the announcement of his death.

DUBLIN—A Priest Honored

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin has received from Rome the announcement that his Holiness Pope Pius X. has been pleased to confer on Very Rev. Father Ryan, P.P., Dolphin's Barn, the distinguished author of a very able work on the Gospels, the distinction of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Ryan spent close on thirty years professing Sacred Scripture in Holy Cross College, where he was held in the highest esteem by both professors and students, not only for the amount of solid knowledge he possessed on all Scriptural subjects, but also for his masterly skill in imparting it.

A Long Drawn-out Case

In the Chancery Court, Dublin, recently Mr. Maxwell applied in the case of Phelan v. Byrne for an order for the transfer of a sum of £460 in Consols and £796 in cash from the credit of the present suit to the credit of the Official Assignees in Bankruptcy. The money

stood to the credit of the estate of Robert Smith, a merchant, who carried on business in Smock Alley, Dublin, and who was made a bankrupt in the year 1797. The money in court was brought into the suit which was instituted in 1822 by a man named Phelan against Michael Byrne, who was the sole surviving assignee of the original bankrupt. Debts against the estate of Robert Smith had been proved to the extent of £4400, and the creditors had already received £3800, and there were persons still living who were receiving dividends from the Court out of the estate. The Master of the Rolls made an order directing that advertisements should be issued and published three times in two Dublin papers, stating that an order for the transfer of the fund, as sought, would be made within a month after publication, unless cause was shown to the contrary.

The Late Member for Cork

The funeral of the late Mr. J. F. X. O'Brien, M.P., which took place from the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, to Glasnevin, was attended by a large gathering of Dublin citizens. The Rev. Clare O'Brien, S.J., son of the deceased, celebrated Mass for the repose of his soul in St. Kevin's chapel, previous to the removal of the remains for interment.

GALWAY—Slandering the People of Clifden

In the course of a letter to the 'Daily Express,' protesting against calumnious statements which appeared in its columns regarding the people of Clifden, Very Rev. Canon M'Alpine, P.P., V.G., says: 'From an intimate knowledge of the district, from a visit paid to the three police stations in the parish, and from an interview with Mr. Glasgow, D.I., R.I.C., I am in a position to state that there is not the smallest particle of truth—that there is absolutely no ground whatsoever for what appeared in a recent issue of your paper, that here in Clifden a large grazier had to unconditionally surrender his grazing farms because his cattle and sheep were found drowned in trenches every day, and his herds refused to work for him, and that other petty little outrages, such as wall-razing, breaking of gates, etc., had also some to light.'

KING'S COUNTY—A Successful Bazaar

The Very Rev. Philip Callary, P.P., Tullamore, is to be congratulated on the success of the grand bazaar organised in support of the building fund for the new Church of the Assumption. He had paid £15,000 to the contractor already, leaving £8000 due, and it was to wipe out this latter sum the bazaar was held.

TIPPERARY—The Late General Ryan

Major-General Thaddeus Richard Ryan, of Scarteen, Knocklong, County Limerick, J.P., D.L., late of the Royal (Bengal) Artillery, who died on January 4 last, aged 67 years, left personal estate valued at £13,679, and probate of his will of September 1, 1903, has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Gwendolin Ryan, the sole executrix named. The testator left the Normanton estate in trust for his son, John Joseph Ryan, charged with an annuity of £100 in favor of his wife.

WEXFORD—A Redemptorist Passes Away

The Rev. Thomas Power, C.S.S.R., a well known member of the Redemptorist Congregation, died on June 1 at Mountstewart, County Tyrone, while engaged in conducting a mission. Deceased, who was born in New Ross, County Wexford, spent several years on the secular mission. In 1877 he joined the Redemptorist Community, and since that time was engaged in giving missions in various parts of England, Scotland, and Ireland, doing good everywhere he went. While preaching he became suddenly ill and never rallied. His remains were interred in Dundalk.

Faith and Patriotism

During the progress of the recent competitions at Kilmuckridge Feisin, the hour of 6 p.m. arrived, and with it the tolling of the Angelus bell. The hall was crowded with spectators, and the platform thronged with a class undergoing examination in Irish. At the first toll of the bell the proceedings were suspended as if by magic. Heads were bowed, and young and old joined in silent prayer. It was a beautifully striking incident in Irish life. The pastor of the place, who presided at the Feisin, is our esteemed and gifted friend, the Rev. Father Browne, one of the most popular priests in Wexford County. His people are evidently well trained.

WICKLOW—Fatal Motor Car Accident

A shocking motor car accident occurred on June 1 at Ballymacrow Hill, near Ashford, County Wicklow, in which a Dublin lady, Miss Molly Byrne, was killed, and her mother and four other occupants of the car, including the chauffeur, who is an Englishman, were injured.