

Irish News

ARMAGH—Attacked by Bees

While a man named James M'Clelland, Middleton, County Armagh, was working in a field adjoining the Ulster Canal, a swarm of bees alighted on him. With much presence of mind the man ran down the field and plunged into the canal. Being an expert swimmer he dived a few times and thus rid himself of his dangerous and unwelcome visitors.

CARLOW—A Memorial of '98

A monument to Father John Murphy and his faithful friend, John Gallagher, was unveiled at Tullow, County Carlow, on Sunday, July 30, on the spot where they were murdered in 1798. Speeches were delivered by Rev. P. F. Kavanagh, O.S.F.; Michael Davitt, and others.

CAVAN—Charitable Bequests

Mr. Peter Murphy, late of Rathgar Road, Dublin, J.P., formerly of Ballyjamesduff, County Cavan, who died on May 2 last, left estate valued at £8783 4s. The testator left the following sums for charitable purposes:—£200 for clothing the poor and destitute children attending school at the Convent of Poor Clares, Castlerahan; £200 for clothing poor and destitute boys attending the Catholic male schools of Ballyjamesduff; £100 each to St. Mary's Asylum, Drumcondra, Magdalen Asylum, Donnybrook; the Home for the Dying, Harold's Cross. He also set aside money for founding a bursar in All Hallows' College and in Maynooth College, for deserving Cavan students preparing for the priesthood.

CLARE—Distinguished Visitor

Among the distinguished visitors in Ireland during July was Alderman Gallery, M.P. for the St. Ann's Division of Montreal, who emigrated from the County Clare 35 years ago.

Death of a Canon

The death is announced of the Very Rev. Canon Carey, of Barefield, which took place at his residence, Cappa. Canon Carey was a native of Kiltush, where he was born 58 years ago. His first studies were prosecuted at the old Jesuit school in Limerick, the Killaloe Diocesan College not having seen the light at that time, and he subsequently passed into Maynooth, where he went through a distinguished course. His first curacy was Ruan, and at later periods he ministered in Carrigroholt, Kilmurraymacmahon, Mulloughquin, and Ennis. After some years he was appointed by the late Most Rev. Dr. McRedmond to the spiritual charge of the parishes of Barefield and Doora. When the ancient Chapter of Killaloe was re-established by the late Bishop, two years ago, Father Carey was made a member of the Chapter, and was created a Canon of the diocese of Killaloe.

CORK—An American Bishop

After having spent a very pleasant and agreeable holiday of over a week's duration in his old native spot at Cloyne, the Most Rev. Dr. Scannell, Bishop of Omaha, left for Middleton prior to returning to his diocese in the United States. His Lordship keenly enjoyed his brief sojourn at Cloyne as the guest of the Rev. John O'Riordan, P.P., amidst friends and companions of his schooldays there.

DUBLIN—Successes of Catholic Colleges

It is gratifying to learn (writes a Dublin correspondent) from the Honors lists of the recent Arts Examinations of the Royal University that the undenowned Catholic colleges more than held their own against their wealthy rivals. University College, Dublin, heads the list with a total of 15 distinctions; Loreto College, Stephen's Green, comes next with 31, exactly the number won by the Queen's Colleges of Belfast and Cork added together. This is a wonderful record, and shows what the Loreto Nuns are doing for the higher education of Irish girls in Dublin. St. Mary's College, Dublin, also did excellently, actually tying with Belfast Queen's College. Blackrock College, County Dublin, so widely esteemed as a successful teaching institution for Catholic boys, won 11 honors and exhibitions at the Arts Examinations, in addition to 18 gained at the Matriculation. The success of this old-established College is a matter of legitimate pride not only for the Fathers of the Holy Ghost who conduct it, but for the past students who glory in the achievements of their alma mater.

Golden Jubilee

At the mother-house of the Order of Mercy, Baginbun street, Dublin, was celebrated on July 31 the golden jubilee of Mother Mary Xavier, daughter of the late Mr. John William Spain, of Dublin, and sister of Mr. John William Henry Spain, Pembroke Road, County Dublin. Mother Xavier entered the Order 53 years since, and during that time has occupied many important positions in it. She acted as Mother Superior of two of the largest hospitals for twelve years—Jervis Hospital, where she personally ministered to the maimed and dying, and subsequently the Mater Hospital. After the celebration of High Mass and Benediction there was a suitable entertainment. The jubilarian was surrounded by brothers and sisters, grand nieces and nephews, and many devoted friends.

LIMERICK—Tenant Reinstated

During the month of July the Estates Commissioners had a staff of mechanics rebuilding the out-offices and repairing the dwelling-house of Mr. P. Noonan, Cappa, Rathkeale, who was evicted 15 years ago, and who has now been reinstated. The estate was recently sold at 20 years' purchase of second term rents, and at the time all arrears were wiped out.

A Doctor passes away

The death took place recently at Sheerness, in the prime of life, of Dr. James Curry. Deceased, who was the fourth son of the late Mr. Michael Curry, C.P.S.; Galin, had a distinguished collegiate career.

MAYO—Church on Croagh Patrick

Beautiful weather (writes a Dublin correspondent) favored the pilgrims who climbed the steep and rugged sides of Croagh Patrick on Sunday, July 30, in order to attend the solemn dedication of the new church which has been erected on the summit of the mountain, made sacred by the footsteps of Ireland's National Apostle. His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam dedicated the church, after which the Rev. M. M'Donald, Adm., Westport, to whose zeal its erection is due, celebrated Mass in the sacred edifice. The ceremonies in the church having concluded, Dr. Healy addressed the vast gathering of pilgrims in the open air. His Grace said in the work they had accomplished that day the people of the West had given yet another proof of their undying devotion to the patron saint of holy Ireland. His Grace having concluded a very eloquent address, introduced the Very Rev. Dean Phelan, of Melbourne, who came as the representative of the Most Rev. Dr. Carr. He had travelled in many lands, he said, but he doubted if on his return any record of the places he had visited during his absence would afford such pleasure to his people as his recounting to them the story of that day's experience. That church would unquestionably be for all time linked with the name of the illustrious prelate who presided over them that day. Their pilgrimago in such enormous numbers and their devotion showed their unbroken fidelity to the Faith St. Patrick planted in their midst, and their love for the country that gave them birth. He was happy to report that the Irish exiles in Australia had carried the same spirit with them. As an instance of it he mentioned the great Cathedral of Melbourne, which cost £260,000, and was now free from debt.

ROSCOMMON—Another Bogus Outrage

The following cable message, under date London, July 15, appeared in the New Zealand newspapers: 'A gang of moonlighters fired revolvers through the windows of the house of a Protestant grazier named King, on Colonel Harman's estate at Boyle. An attempt to rush the house was repelled, one assailant being shot.' In answer to a question in Parliament with reference to this alleged outrage, the supposed victim being a man named Magennis, not King as cable, Mr. Long, the Irish Chief Secretary, said: 'I have received a full report of the special police investigation into this matter, conducted by Mr. O'Connell, a County Inspector attached to the Headquarters Staff in Dublin, and by Mr. Pearson, the County Inspector of Roscommon, and the conclusion arrived at by them is that no attack was made on Mr. Magennis's house. That gentleman asserts that no one has asked him to give up his farm. . . I have myself gone into the report as carefully as I could, and I have satisfied myself that the investigations of the police have been complete. The result of their inquiry is as I have stated, and there is no foundation whatever for the suggestion that there was an attack on the house in question, as was alleged.' In conclusion Mr. Long said: 'No one regrets more than I do that libellous reports of this character should be inserted in the public press, when it was easy to ascertain beforehand whether the reports had any foundation.'