

Irish News

ANTRIM—A Presentation

Father M'Donnell, P.P., St. Brigid's, Belfast, was presented recently with an illuminated address by his former parishioners at Ligoniel, where he ministered for a period of ten years and won the warm esteem of all classes.

CORK—A Peculiar Case

At Kinsale Petty Sessions Mr. E. O'Neill, B.A., a well known Gaelic Leaguer, was fined sixpence for signing his name in Irish when taking out a dog license. As Mr. O'Neill declines to pay, he will probably be imprisoned.

A Profitable Transaction

At a meeting of the tenants of the Arnott Estate in Bandon, the Very Rev. Canon Shinkwin, P.P., V.F., made a calculation based on Sir John Arnott's affidavit before the Master of the Rolls to show that the landlord wanted a profit of £112,000 on the amount paid to the Duke of Devonshire for the property.

The Gaelic League

In the course of his presidential address at the Cork branch of the Gaelic League, Very Rev. Father Augustine, O.S.F.C., said the nationality which the Gaelic League was building up was not founded on hatred of England, but on love of Ireland. No great and grand and noble cause could be built on hatred. The cause of the Gaelic League was great, grand, and noble.

DERRY—Reported Gold Discovery

The rumor that gold was discovered the other day in the neighborhood of Dungiven in a field of sandy soil, near a stream, is verified by local correspondents (says a Derry paper). The glistening of the sand struck the farm-owner as out of the common, and having a bucketful carefully washed, he got the yellow metallic deposit. This, submitted to expert tests, proved to be alluvial gold. A further try on the rocky boulders got distinct traces of the metal. Specimens of the stone are streaked with it. Further experiments are awaited with interest.

DONEGAL—The Diocesan College

Rev. H. Gallagher, Gweedore, has left Derry for a tour in America. He is commissioned by Bishop O'Donnell to collect for the Diocesan College, Letterkenny.

DOWN—The Act of Union

Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., addressing his constituents at Aughnacloy, alluding to Redistribution proposals, said the Act of Union was a treaty, and England must stick to her bargain.

DUBLIN—Charitable Bequests

Mrs. Doyle, late of Synge street, Dublin, who died on September 10, left a large number of charitable bequests, including £50 each to the following:—The Magdalen Asylum, Gloucester street; the Catholic Orphanage, Golden Bridge; the Little Sisters of the Poor, Kilmainham; the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, Portland Row; the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross; the Magdalen Asylum, Drumcondra; the Magdalen Asylum, Donnybrook; the Vincent de Paul Orphanage, Glasnevin; St. Joseph's Night Refuge, Brickfield Lane; St. Joseph's Orphanage, Mountjoy street; Vincent de Paul Orphanage, North William street; the Children's Hospital, Temple street; Carmelite Convent, Delgany; St. Vincent's Hospital, Stephen's Green; the Poor Schools, Coombe; Lakelands Orphanage, Sandy-mount; Presentation Convent, George's Hill; the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Eccles street; Jervis street Hospital; St. Vincent de Paul Society, Harrington street; Sisters of the Assumption, Camden street; and the Maternity Hospital, Holles street.

School of Medicine

The Irish Bishops have come to the aid of the Catholic University School of Medicine with the generous gift of £100 for the purchase of scientific apparatus for the use of the Medical School. The Catholic University School of Medicine has deserved well of the country. With no public endowments, it is at present the largest and the most successful School of Medicine in Ireland. Its teachers are the most brilliant, its pupils the most successful. But it is an alien to the State. It is boycotted by the Treasury. Like all bodies or institutions that do good work for Ireland it is hindered, not helped, by Dublin Castle, and is dependent on private generosity for even the most essential scientific apparatus.

A Gaelic Mission

Dr. Douglas Hyde, president of the Gaelic League, has left for the United States on a mission of Gaelic propaganda. He received an enthusiastic send-off from the people of Dublin. He drove in the Lord Mayor's carriage to the railway station, escorted by an immense procession.

A Charitable Object

Collections in aid of the Sick and Indigent Room-keepers' Society, a great non-sectarian charity, were made on November 5 in all the Catholic churches of Dublin, by permission of his Grace the Archbishop.

A Disputed Will

A Dublin special jury, by direction of Mr. Justice Johnson, found recently in favor of the will of Mr. John Colman, who had practised as a solicitor in Dublin from 1868 to 1892, and who left the bulk of his property, stated to amount to about £20,000, to Catholic charities in the city of Dublin. The will had been contested by a nephew of testator; but it was stated in Court that a settlement had been arrived at between the beneficiaries and the next-of-kin, and the nephew withdrew his opposition. Mr. Justice Johnson decreed probate of the will.

GALWAY—Motor Car Accident.

Lord De Clifford's motor-car was smashed to pieces in an accident at Castlehackett, County Galway, and the driver seriously injured.

An Appointment

His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam has appointed the Rev. M. J. Conroy, Tullycross, to the Vice-presidency of St. Jarlath's College, in room of the Rev. T. F. Macken, appointed Adm. of Tuam. Father Conroy also fills the Irish Chair in the college, vice Mr. Michael Walsh, who has left for Germany.

A Welcome Home

On his arrival in Ballinasloe from America, where he had been collecting funds for the completion of Loughrea Cathedral, Father Joyce, Adm., was accorded a warm reception. The town was brilliantly illuminated and there was general rejoicing.

KERRY—Death of a Merchant

The death is announced of Mr. Wm. Horgan, Shelbourne House, Kenmare, one of the most widely respected merchants and public men in the locality. Deceased was a supporter of the old Land League movement, and later of the United Irish League, of which he was local treasurer. As a Poor Law Guardian for a period of twenty years, the ratepayers had always in him a capable representative.

LIMERICK—Death of a Priest.

The death took place recently of Rev. Edmond O'Leary, Bruree, after an illness of some weeks. Deceased was brother to the Rev. Arthur O'Leary, the newly-appointed President of St. Munchin's College, Limerick.

The Butter Industry

A meeting has been held at Limerick to consider the question of 'faked butter.' It was decided to appoint a deputation to wait upon the Department of Agriculture on the subject.

Reopening of a Church

Meelick Church, in the parish of Parteen, was reopened early in November by the Bishop of Limerick.

Plays Condemned

The Bishop of Limerick has issued a Pastoral Letter condemning immoral plays, and urging Catholics to avoid witnessing such productions. His letter is believed to refer especially to a local theatrical production.

TIPPERARY—Tenants Purchase their Farms

The Ballybrophy tenants of Sir Kildare Borrowes, accompanied by Father Dillon, met their landlord at Ballybrophy recently. The landlord agreed to sell the evicted lands to the Estates Commissioners, the latter to fix the price, and reinstate the Kelly family, who were evicted over twenty-five years ago. The other tenants then agreed to purchase on the following terms: First term rents, 21 years' purchase; second term rents, 23 years' purchase. The landlord accepted the half-year's rent to be now paid at 15 per cent. reduction. The tenants will in future be required to pay from last gale day interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. until the purchase money is paid over. Sporting rights go to the tenants. Nearly all the tenants have had second term rents fixed. In view of the downward prices in cattle, the tenants would have been inclined to