

Irish News

ARMAGH—Cardinal Logue on Persecution

His Eminence Cardinal Logue, in the course of a letter enclosing a subscription to Mr. Barry O'Brien for the memorial which it is proposed to erect to the Irish Brigade at Pontenoy, says the monument will be one not only to the bravery of Irishmen, but also a monument to the folly which, by persecution and misgovernment, turned them into enemies. Unfortunately the folly still goes on. The persecution, though more covert and insidious, is not less real. Irish Catholics are still excluded from almost every position of emolument in their own country, denied equal and even-handed justice, and placed beneath the heel of an aggressive and intolerant ascendancy. And the olden consequence repeats itself in the flight of what is best, most promising and energetic of our people, to other lands, which they enrich by their labor, adorn by their talents, and strengthen by their bravery.

CAVAN—An Australian Visitor

Lady Parkes, widow of the late Sir Henry Parkes, at one time Premier of New South Wales, has been on a visit to her relatives residing near Virginia, County Cavan, where she lived before she emigrated to Australia.

CORK—The League of the Cross

Very Rev. Canon O'Connell, P.P., V.F., Kanturk, has established a branch of the League of the Cross Sodality in his parish. Large numbers have already joined it, and everything goes to show that it will prove a flourishing society.

Sent to Gaol

Mr. Eamon O'Neill, B.A., Kinsale, who refused to pay a fine of sixpence for not taking out a dog license in English instead of in Irish, has been arrested and sent to Cork Gaol for five days.

DOWN—Death of a Newry Man

The death is announced of Mr. Walter Burke Savage, which occurred at Monaghan street, Newry, after a brief illness. Deceased was son of the late Dr. John Savage and brother of Dr. M. Burke Savage, of Rutland square, and of Mr. S. B. Savage, Manager Baggot street branch Belfast Banking Company, both of Dublin.

DUBLIN—The Under-Secretary

General regret was felt in Dublin when it became known that the state of Sir Antony MacDonnell's health necessitated his undergoing another operation. By his pluck and honesty the Under Secretary has lived down much of the prejudice which was raised up against him by bigots at both sides of the Channel. Even those who are most vehemently opposed to his policy sympathise with the distinguished patient in the severe ordeal which he has undergone, and join with his friends in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Death of a Religious

The death has occurred at the Convent of the Incarnate Word, Texas, U.S.A., of Rev. Mother M. Mechilde, eldest daughter of the late Mr. James Doyle, Queen street, Dublin. Deceased, who took a deep interest in educational matters, was in the twenty-fifth year of her religious life. She was a sister of Mr. T. W. Doyle, J.P., to whom much sympathy is extended.

A House with Historic Associations

Grove House, Rathmines, County Dublin, once the residence of Henry Grattan, was to be sold by auction about the middle of December.

Appointments

The Archbishop has appointed as Canons of the Diocesan Chapter of Dublin the Very Rev. C. J. Ryan, D.D., P.P., Dolphin's Barn; and the Very Rev. J. O'Keefe, P.P., V.F., Athy.

The Late Canon O'Hanlon

Steps are being taken to perpetuate the memory of the late Canon O'Hanlon, either by the erection of a memorial over his grave in Glasnevin or in whatever other way it may be deemed advisable. The undertaking will not be confined to the parishioners, for it is felt that many outside friends will be anxious to take part in paying a tribute to the memory of the author of the 'Lives of the Irish Saints.'

Answering the Critics

At a meeting held recently to take steps to improve St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church the Lord Mayor of Dublin said the charge brought against them of spending too much money on their churches was one that their critics would never make if they were wise, because they knew that if Catholics were left the churches that their forefathers had built in years gone by they would be saved a lot of money, and it would not be necessary for them to build more churches. Let those critics preach the honest doctrine of advising those who had confiscated the churches to give them back.

The Fight Against Proselytism

In his appeal on behalf of St. Brigid's Orphanage, Eccles street, Dublin, Father Maher, S.J., gave a graphic account of the work undertaken some forty-nine years ago in Dublin by Miss Aylward, under the guidance of the venerable Father John Gowan. The Sisters of Faith could look back upon a splendid record of over 3000 children of the Catholic poor saved from the allurements of proselytism and placed beyond the dangers of apostasy. The rev. preacher quoted from Lord Macaulay to show the futility of persecution and proselytism to destroy the Catholic Faith in Ireland. There were very many members of the Protestant Church whose broad-minded views and large-hearted, noble philanthropy were a source of admiration to all, like that lately deceased Irish baronet, Sir John Arnott, who said that he wished it to be understood that he strongly disapproved of proselytism. Catholics should show every Christian kindness towards Protestant fellow-countrymen. But that should not prevent them showing at the same time that they were determined to defend their poorer brethren.

GALWAY—Clerical Appointment

Very Rev. Father Begley, Moone, County Galway, has been appointed to the combined parishes of Roundfart and Robeen, rendered vacant by the death of Rev. Father Prendergast, P.P.

KERRY—The Temperance Pledge

In his report, which was read at the annual meeting held under the auspices of the Irish Temperance League in Cork, Mr. Wilkinson, secretary, stated that he had been in Killarney recently and met the Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, who told him that during the last year he had given the pledge to 6000 young people.

Outwitting the Police

Dublin Castle proclaimed a meeting called at Milltown, County Kerry, to discuss some local evictions. The people, as usual, outwitted the police. A crowd gathered to watch the erection of a platform for the proclaimed meeting, the police waiting its completion before interfering. Meanwhile the actual meeting was proceeding elsewhere without interruption. Then just to bait the authorities, a dozen cars were despatched in a dozen different directions, and the police were nonplussed which to follow. As a result fifteen meetings were held in all without police interference.

LIMERICK—Patronising Home Industries

Professor Windle, President of the Queen's College, Cork, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture in the Limerick Athenaeum recently. He gave some startling statistics regarding goods imported into Ireland last year, while similar goods of a better quality were manufactured at home.

MAYO—Spread of Temperance

Speaking on the occasion of the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Colman's parish church, Claremorris, his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, congratulated the clergy and parishioners on the progress made in the building of the magnificent new church, and exhorted all to co-operate with their pastor and lighten the great burden of his undertaking. Referring to the question of temperance, his Grace said he was delighted to see everywhere a vast improvement in the people who were now beginning to realise the great folly of intemperance. It was high time they should know that they were spending fourteen millions of money each year on drink. If the people could get rid of half the drink tax what a blessed state the country would be in. It was the duty, therefore, of everybody that has the welfare of the people at heart from a spiritual and temporal point of view to promote the great cause of temperance. Sober persons would lead pure lives, would have more money, more happiness in their households, and they would commit less sins. The Anti-Treating League had been