

Irish News

CLARE—The Only Banner

Writing to the organisers of a public meeting held in Ennis under the auspices of the United Irish League, the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Kilaloe, said: This timely demonstration in the capital of Clare, at which three important interests are represented on the same platform, will help to put some life into our languishing country and clear the way for national unity, progress, and liberty. We are on the eve of a general election and a new Parliament. Ireland will get from any English Parliament, in the shape of remedial legislation, just as much precisely as she could force it to give, and we know with certainty from our past experience that the only effective means which we possess of applying salutary pressure to the House of Commons is to send into the field a vigorous and united pledge-bound Parliamentary Party, and, having put them there, to support them and respect them as the elected representatives of the people, and to give up calumniating and abusing them. There is only one banner that would lead Ireland to victory—the banner of the United Irish League—and I am glad to think that that is the only one which this, the banner county, means to follow.

CORK—Fire at a Factory

A fire which broke out on the premises of the factory of the Bandon Hosiery Co., Ltd., towards the end of November, caused damage estimated at £1000.

Death of a Former Resident of New Zealand

Sincere regret was felt in Fermoy and district when it became known that a well known lady, in the person of Mrs. Julia Mahony, relict of the late Mr. Timothy Mahony, of Kilclare and Garryantagart, had passed away, the sad event having taken place on November 4. The deceased, with her husband and two children, came to New Zealand in 1874, and after a residence of 21 years returned to her native land. The late Mrs. Mahony, who was aunt of Canon Hegarty, leaves a son and daughter in this Colony to mourn their loss, besides many relatives and friends in the Home country.

DUBLIN—Death of a Religious

News has been received by her friends in Dublin of the death, which took place in the Dominican Convent, New Orleans, on November 7, of Sister Mary Imelda, daughter of the late Mr. John McEvoy, Lower Bridge street. Deceased made her vows in Cabra in 1861 and went to New Orleans in 1863.

A National University

At a meeting of the committee of Irish Catholic laymen, held in Dublin recently, a resolution was adopted stating that in the interest of the whole Irish community it is imperative that, either by Royal Commission or by other effective means, an inquiry should be forthwith directed by his Majesty's Government with the view of testing how far the University of Dublin and its sole college, Trinity College, have provided, or are capable of providing, higher education for Irishmen adapted to the needs and circumstances of every denomination.

Proselytism Condemned

The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, speaking at a meeting in aid of the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra, which has been established to save Catholic children from the efforts of proselytisers, said that proselytism was an abominable and sinful system. In referring to a comment and a letter which had appeared in the Dublin 'Daily Express,' he said that all that he had ever looked for in this matter, and so far had looked for in vain, was a plain authoritative declaration from some competent authority in the Protestant Church in Ireland that the proceedings euphemistically described by the 'Daily Express' as 'certain methods of gaining converts' to that Church are essentially sinful proceedings. All that I have ever looked for, added the Archbishop, is a plain and authoritative declaration to that effect by the accredited teachers of Christian morality in that community, followed up by an unqualified acceptance of it by those who wish to be regarded by their Catholic neighbors as really hostile to the ungodly work that has so long been practised in the homes of our poor by energetic Protestant workers, backed up as they undoubtedly are by a good deal of warm and practical sympathy from Protestants, and so far as I can see disavowed by no one of authority in that Church, although it is for the supposed benefit of it or in the supposed interests of it that these 'certain methods of gaining converts' are being pursued.

A Curious Will

One of the quaintest bequests on record (says the London 'Daily Express') is to be found in the will just proved of Mr. Thomas Hayes, of Leopardstown Park, Stillorgan, County Dublin. Mr. Hayes was a director of T. Lyons & Co., Ltd., drapers, and left personal estate valued at £52,875 7s 1d. By his will, which consists of about one hundred folios of 9000 words, the testator left his estate in trust for such persons as his daughter, Gertrude Frances Talbot Power, wife of Mr. James Talbot Power, shall appoint. In default of such appointment, Mr. Hayes directed that £199 19s should be paid to his said daughter on the first day after his death (should she so long survive him), £199 19s on the second day after his death (should she so long survive him). This phrase is repeated throughout the will for each day until the 250th day after his death is reached. It is added that the sums thus paid are to be for Mrs. Power's own separate use.

GALWAY—A Moral

In complimenting the nuns and children of the Presentation Convent, Tuam, on the success of an entertainment, the Archbishop of Tuam pointed the moral intended to be conveyed by the Irish play, 'An Deoraidhe' (The Exile), produced by the children, and advised the people against the allurements with which foreign letters were often filled.

KERRY—The Late Bishop

An influential committee has been formed in Tralee with the object of raising funds for the proposed memorial to the late Bishop of Kerry.

KING'S COUNTY—Death of a Priest

The death is announced of Rev. Father Kinsella, pastor of Edenderry. The deceased, who had been in poor health for some time, had attained the age of 72 years.

LIMERICK—An Appointment

Mr. J. J. Nunan, B.A., B.L., who has been appointed Solicitor-General for British Guiana, is the eldest son of the late Mr. Patrick Nunan, George street, Limerick. He was educated in the Sacred Heart College of his native city, where he distinguished himself at the Intermediate Examinations.

LONGFORD—Evicted Tenants Re-instated

Mrs. Reilly, of Aughnagarron, near Granard, has been restored to her homestead in that townland, from which she was evicted twenty years ago. Mrs. Reilly obtained from the Estates Commissioners a grant of £50 to assist her in building a dwelling on the ruins of her former residence. More than two hundred people assembled to lend a hand in the construction of the building, and there were about one hundred horses and carts on the scene. Mr. Wm. Ganly, J.P., Chairman North Longford Executive, was present directing operations, as were also a number of representative men from the northern portion of the County Longford.

LOUTH—The Parliamentary Election

Mr. T. M. Healy, who had been acting quite independent of the Irish party in the House of Commons during the last Parliament, was to have been opposed by a pledge-bound candidate at the general election, but owing to representations from Cardinal Logue and Archbishop Walsh Mr. John Redmond has decided that the Nationalists will not oppose Mr. Healy's return.

MAYO—The Diocesan College

His Holiness the Pope has given the Bishop of Killala a prize for the bazaar which will be held in May, 1906, in aid of the new Diocesan College, Ballina, which is to cost about £11,000.

The Nuns Complimented

At a recent meeting of the Ballina Board of Guardians a report was read from Dr. Smyth, Local Government Board Medical Inspector, stating that since his inspection of the Workhouse Hospital in August last, when lay nurses were in charge, cleanliness and neatness had displaced dirt and disorder. The very pleasing improvements in the condition of the Infirmary were, Dr. Smyth stated, most creditable to the zeal, and care of the Sisters of Mercy.

MONAGHAN—Purchasing their Holdings

The tenants on the Glasslough portion of the estate of Sir John Leslie, Bart., Glasslough, County Monaghan, comprising about thirty-five townlands and 8,000 acres, have signed agreements for the purchase of their holdings under the Land Purchase Act. The terms

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