

Irish News

ANTRIM—Death of Mr. Devlin's Brother

The death took place on July 17, at his residence, Abercorn street, Belfast, of Mr. Patrick Devlin, youngest brother of Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P. The father of Mr. Devlin died but a very short time ago. Sad to say, the deaths of both father and brother have taken place during the absence of Mr. Devlin in Australia as envoy of the Irish Parliamentary Party. The keenest sympathy is felt by his Belfast constituents and friends with Mr. Devlin in this second bereavement which has befallen him. Mr. Patrick Devlin, who has been removed in the prime of his manhood, had been ailing for some time. He was an unostentatious and sincere Nationalist.

ARMAGH—An Interesting Story

An interesting story has leaked out in connection with the Orange celebration of the Twelfth in County Armagh. An accident, it appears, happened to the drum belonging to the Orange Lodge in Newtownhamilton. The Master of the Lodge, however, solved the problem. He obtained the loan of the drum of a Nationalist band, and the Twelfth was accordingly fittingly celebrated. This recalls another Ulster story. On the morning of the 13th July, many years ago, a page of type of a Catholic paper was overturned just before going to press. What was to be done? An Orange paper was appealed to, and the only page it could give was one containing speeches made the previous day on the 'Twelfth' platforms. The Catholic paper accepted the offer, as it was the only chance of publishing at all. But a sub-editor saved the situation. He put at the top of the speeches a heading which read: 'This is the kind of thing served up to its readers by our Orange contemporary.'

CORK—A Light Calendar

In opening the County Cork Assizes, Mr. Justice Madden congratulated the Grand Jury on the exceedingly peaceable state of the county. The calendar was the lightest in his recollection.

Death of a Canon

The death is announced of the Very Rev. John Canon Ryan, of Aghada, at the age of 86 years. The deceased priest was born at Buttevant in 1820, and was ordained priest in 1844. He was the oldest priest in the diocese of Cloyne, and probably in the County Cork. After being ordained 62 years ago, he was first appointed curate in Middleton and chaplain to the Presentation Nuns. Subsequently he was curate in Fermoy, Doneraile, Buttevant, and Milford. Afterwards he was promoted parish priest of Ballyhea, whence after some years he was, in 1879, transferred to the parish of Aghada, as successor to the late Canon Smiddy, which parish he worthily presided over as pastor for the past twenty-seven years.

DOWN—A Priest Passes Away

The Rev. Henry O'Boyle, P.P., Sacred Heart parish, Belfast, died at Rostrevor on July 13, after a long illness. Deceased, who was only in his 49th year, was a native of Staffordstown, County Antrim. For more than a quarter of a century he labored with great zeal in various parts of the diocese of Down and Connor. Everywhere he went he won the esteem of priests and people alike by his sterling worth.

DUBLIN—A Peculiar Industry

At a recent meeting of the Council of the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland the secretary reported that a lioness had just been despatched to Scotland. The Irish-bred lion has, at the present period, been exported to most of the known countries of the world. The society has, since the beginning of the lion industry, sent specimens of the lion stock to Germany, America, and Burma, and only recently one tiny cub, about ten days old, was carried off by a lady with a small terrier to keep it warm and comfortable, to Paris, where it is to drive about in its owner's motor, seated in a place of honor. Scotland wanted an animal from Dublin Zoo, and thus a lioness was forwarded. Another went to swell the show of a travelling menagerie, which will mean going the rounds of all the English towns which such shows frequent.

FERMANAGH—Sad Fatality

Master James Bailey, aged 15 years, attending Portora school, was bathing in a lock five miles from Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, when he got into difficulties. His cousin, Mr. Thomas Lowry Scott, aged 30 years, jumped into the water fully dressed to effect a rescue, but he became exhausted and both were drowned.

KERRY—An Appointment

Very Rev. Canon Hayes, Adm., Killarney, has been appointed parish priest of Ballylongford in room of the late Father Pierce. The announcement has been received in Killarney and surrounding district, where he spent fifteen years, with unfeigned satisfaction, mingled with regret at parting with a pastor who had won their love.

A Veteran of the Civil War

The death occurred on June 13 of Captain John J. Coffey, of Neponset, Dorchester, one of the best known Irishmen of Boston, a veteran of the Civil War, a generous benefactor to the poor and a warm and practical friend. Mr. Coffey was a native of Beaufort, Killarney, County Kerry. He was a son of Mr. James D. Coffey, relieving officer and county assessor of the Killarney Union. He was educated in the National Schools.

The Irish Party Thanked

At a general meeting of the Catholic Clerical Managers' Association of the diocese of Kerry, a resolution was adopted thanking the Irish Party for their work on behalf of the Catholic schools on the Education Bill. A number of resolutions dealing with primary education were also adopted.

LIMERICK—Purchase of a Newspaper

The 'Munster News,' a paper published in Limerick, has been purchased by Dr. Counihan, a relative of the founder, who was an intimate friend and sterling supporter of the Liberator.

TYRONE—The New Member

Mr. T. M. Kettle, B.A., of Dublin, the new M.P. for East Tyrone, is a product of the new school of Irish Nationalists. He was the first president of the Young Ireland Branch of the United Irish League—consisting mainly of young University graduates—founded a few years ago in the Irish metropolis through the instrumentality of Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P. Until recently Mr. Kettle edited the 'Weekly Nationalist,' a journal devoted to the Gaelic Revival movement. He is quite a young man, being still in the twenties, and gifted with splendid oratorical powers. He is likely to make a name for himself in the Parliamentary arena, and is undoubtedly a brilliant acquisition to the Nationalist Party.

GENERAL

A New Railway Route

A new railway route for travellers from England to Ireland and vice versa, via Fishguard and Rosslare, was recently opened. It is likely to become popular, as the distance between the two ports is only fifty-four miles, and a visitor can breakfast in London and be in time for tea in Killarney the same day.

School Attendance

Dr. Massie (says the 'Irish Weekly') has elicited valuable information regarding the attendance at school of children over fourteen years of age. In England and Wales the number is 64.15, or 10.6 per thousand of the total number of scholars attending; in Scotland, 22.815, or 23.37 per thousand; and in Ireland, 47.173, or 64 per thousand. That England should not compare favorably with Scotland in such a tale causes no surprise, but the simple Saxon, who is usually so ill-informed regarding Ireland, is fairly astounded at the fact that Ireland so out-distances both England and Scotland. English educationists would be wildly enthusiastic if they thought it possible that they would ever have such a proportion as 64 per thousand of their school population over fourteen years of age.

Rewards for Bravery

The Royal Humane Society at a recent meeting made the following awards in cases of life-saving in Ireland: Testimonial to Michael Bowen, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Cahir, County Tipperary, for his gallant action there on June 16. Shortly before midnight a man named Butler fell into the Suir. Mr. Bowen was called from his house near, and, although the night was dark, he plunged in, fully clothed, and succeeded in saving the man, (his being the seventh life saved by Bowen). Testimonial to Owen O'Mahony, Castle street, Dunmanway, County Cork, for his plucky rescue of W. O'Regan from the river at Bandon on June 10. O'Mahony was clutched in 20 ft of water, and only after a hard struggle was he able to free himself and save the man. Testimonial to Miss Cissie Mullen, shop assistant, Clifden, County Galway, for rescuing a boy named Burke from the river on May 19. A certificate was awarded to Edith S. Jones for restoring Burke, which she did after working over an hour. Testimonial to Bridget Dowd, Louisburg, County Mayo, for her rescue of a boy from the river there on June 14.

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