

Irish News

CAVAN—The Commission of the Peace

The Lord Chancellor has, on the recommendation of his Majesty's Lieutenant for County Cavan, appointed Doctor Patrick Joseph Dempsey, Kingscourt, to the Commission of the Peace for that county.

CORK—A Memorial

The Mandeville Memorial at Mitchelstown was to be unveiled on September 9. A notable Mitchelstown man, Mr. Edward, O'Meagher Condon, was expected to be present.

A Priest Passes Away

The death is announced of the Rev. Michael Cunningham, of Leap, which occurred at a private hospital in Dublin, where he had been under treatment for some months. About 52 years ago Father Cunningham was born at Sloughgriffin, in the parish of Clonakilty. Father Cunningham was called to the priesthood in 1881. Before entering the work of the ministry in his native diocese he spent some time in the mission in Ayr, Scotland, and was after a period called home to his native diocese.

The Queen's College

In his annual report, which has just been issued, Dr. Windle, President of Cork Queen's College, says it would be idle mockery for him to pretend that it is, or has ever been, anything like the success it might have been, and might be made, were the conditions under which it is placed of a more satisfactory character—with the college, in fact, as acceptable to the people of its district, as the colleges of the different English towns are to the inhabitants of the districts to which they belong. Twenty-two years ago Dr. Windle says he was connected with another Queen's College in Birmingham. It was under a form of government of a character—for religious reasons—antagonistic to the sympathies and wishes of the people among whom it was placed. It never succeeded for that very reason. Gradually the other faculties decayed and died until it consisted of a large and important medical school and a small theological department associated with the Church of England. At a later date another college was founded in Birmingham—the Mason College. It was placed under a kind of government which was acceptable to the people of Birmingham, and it rapidly became a great success. The medical school of the Queen's College was transferred to it, and the combined institution has now become the great and progressive University of Birmingham. Dr. Windle urges a similar change in Cork Queen's College, and is convinced that it could be made without doing injury to the feelings of any body of persons resident in Munster.

DUBLIN—The Horse Show

The number of entries for the Horse Show, which opened at Ballsbridge on August 28, showed an increase of 168 over that for last year, which was a record one in the history of the Royal Dublin Society's great carnivals.

Blackrock College

The results of Civil Service examinations held during the month of June, and which have just been published, show that the Blackrock students have maintained their usual standard of excellence. Mr. T. S. Casey obtained one of the eight places open to competition for the position of Assistant Accountant in the Army Accountant Department. Mr. M. Flanagan secured the second of six places for the position of Examiner in the Exchequer and Audit Department, scoring highest marks in Latin and in Greek, and second highest in French. Another student, Mr. J. Slattery, took a high place in the examination for Superintendent of Police, India.

FERMANAGH—Death of a Priest

The funeral of the late Very Rev. J. Shannon, P.P., V.F., Knockninny, County Fermanagh, took place on August 9, the interment being in Derrylin church. Father Shannon, who was in his 56th year, had been in failing health for some time past. His death, which occurred in Enniskillen after undergoing an operation, was deeply regretted by the clergy and parishioners.

GALWAY—Temperance Mission

A very successful fortnight's mission was conducted lately in Moylough and Mountbellew, County Galway, by two members of the Redemptorist Congregation, Father Coyle and Father Browne, the chief object of the mission being the advancement of the temperance cause.

Dedication of a Church

On Sunday, August 12, his Grace the Archbishop of Tuam dedicated the newly-enlarged and renovated Church of St. Joseph's, Leenane, County Galway, and preached the dedication sermon.

KERRY—Tenants Reinstated

In the early part of August the work of reinstating the tenants on the Warden estate, Sneem, evicted in the years 1894, 1895, and 1896, was carried out, and fourteen such tenants were put back in their former holdings. There are still about six evicted tenants not reinstated, but it is expected that an amicable arrangement will be arrived at very soon in these cases. In all cases where the farmhouses are tumbled the Estates Commissioners are going to rebuild them, and where repairs are needed these will be executed. The Commissioners are also going to supply stock for the tenants who are reinstated, and their inspectors have given the greatest satisfaction to the evicted tenants.

KILKENNY—A Bequest

The late Right Rev. Dr. Bellord, Bishop of Milevis, bequeathed the copyright of his 'Meditations on Christian Dogma' to St. Brigid's Missionary Schools for the training of aspirants for the religious life, attached to the Convent of Mercy, County Kilkenny. A new edition in two volumes has been issued by the Sisters.

LIMERICK—The Promotion of Temperance

A movement which may have an important influence on the social life of the Irish people has been started in Limerick. Its object is to promote habits of temperance by sending vans with tea, coffee, and solid foods to fairs, markets, and other gatherings. The idea is being taken up vigorously in Limerick, and is warmly supported by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Lady Dunraven, Lord and Lady Montague, Lord Emly, Lady Clarina, the Mayor of Limerick, and many others. Referring to it at a meeting the other day, Bishop O'Dwyer, said that to-day Ireland was at the turning point of her fortunes, and just now the greatest change in her social condition was being worked out. The ownership of the land was being transferred to the people, and in a few years the farmers would find themselves changed from a position little removed from servitude to a position of freedom in their own land. That change would let loose forces, and would work a fundamental change in the whole social conditions of our people, but it seemed to him perfectly evident that no change in the condition of the tenure by which the people held the land—no change in any law or all the laws—would ever regenerate the country until there was a thorough change in the drinking habits of the people.

MONAGHAN—A Distinguished Visitor

His Grace Archbishop Farley, of New York, visited Monaghan about the middle of August, and during his stay was the guest of the Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of Clogher.

ROSCOMMON—An Appointment

The King has been pleased, on the recommendation of the Lord Lieutenant, to approve of the appointment of Denis Charles Joseph O'Connor, commonly called The O'Connor Don, of Clonalis, Castlerea, Roscommon, to be His Majesty's Lieutenant of the County.

WESTMEATH—Sudden Death

While assisting at Mass at Fore Chapel, County Westmeath, on Sunday, August 12, and after receiving Holy Communion, a man named James Walshe, aged 90 years, became ill in the church and died. He belonged to an old and respected family.

GENERAL

The Government and Ireland

The forecast of the work to which Mr. Bryce and the Under Secretary will devote themselves during the recess (says the London 'Morning Leader') will be a thorough-going measure of reform, dealing in a wide spirit with the forty-one boards which Lord Dunraven has held up to such distinctive ridicule. It is difficult to think that this will really come as bad news to anybody. It is in the truest sense of the word continuity of policy, since it will give Sir Antony MacDonnell the opportunity of carrying into execution the ideas of government which he was undoubtedly invited to Ireland by Mr. Wyndham to initiate. Of course there will be enormous difficulty. The root of administrative reform in Ireland, as in most places, is economy. It is a characteristic paradox, but it is

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